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President Washington's Farewell Address is a testament to the strength, wisdom, and humility of our first president. With a deep sense of reverence, I was honored to carry on this special Senate tradition.

As senators gather to make decisions about our country's future, Washington's warnings about accumulating debt remain especially relevant. Preserving our nation's credit remains essential to our safety and security - and as Washington wrote, we ought not to pass on to posterity "the burden" which we ourselves ought to bear. I pray we will have the courage to meet that challenge. May God bless our great country - Live Free or Die! Kelly Ayotte