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"We're praying that we can figure out the best way to handle long-term care situations and to really be there for people where they need us," he continued. "The opportunity to hear them gives us a chance to not just rebuild relationships but to grow and prepare ourselves for whatever God brings."

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