

Omaha, NE - Representative Lee Terry (NE-02) today released the following statement regarding Rep. Tom Delay's (R-TX) letter explaining his decision to permanently step down as House majority leader:

"As Majority Whip, and then Leader, Congressman Tom DeLay was committed to the Republican Party and its principles of smaller government, lower taxes, and a strong national defense. I appreciate his dedication and hard work for the GOP, especially in helping guide our legislative agenda through the House.

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His decision to step down as Majority Leader was the right thing to do.□ He had become the favorite target of partisan attacks.

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The Republican Conference needs new leadership since we have vital work ahead of us this year.

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New leadership and reform of House ethics rules will permit the Conference to move forward on matters of concern to the American people."

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