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Rep. Ausley Selected as One of Nation's Top Pro-Growth Progressive Leaders

Washington, D.C. - Today, **Representative Lorraine Ausley (District 9, Tallahassee)** was selected as one of 14 leaders from across the country to join the NewDEAL (Developing Exceptional American Leaders), a selective national network of state and local leaders working to enact pro-growth progressive solutions in a diverse array of communities.

(A full list of new members is below. A photo of Ausley is attached)

“We congratulate and applaud Lorraine, who has shown a dedication to developing pro-growth, progressive policies that increase economic opportunity for everyone,” said **Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) and former Delaware Governor Jack Markell, Honorary Co-Chairs of the NewDEAL**. “More than ever, we need to support outstanding state and local leaders who have innovative ideas that address the most important issues facing Americans in our new economy. We are committed to highlighting their work, while giving them the chance to learn from each other and replicate solutions that make government work better.”

The NewDEAL brings together leaders focused on expanding opportunity, helping them develop and spread innovative ideas to spur economic growth that is broadly-earned and sustainable. Most importantly, the organization facilitates the exchange of ideas among its members and connects them with other pro-growth progressive political, policy, and private sector leaders.

NewDEAL leaders have found broad support for their work, with 98 percent of members winning elections last November, across red, blue, and purple states, including eight elected to higher office. Four members were elevated to statewide office, including in the swing states of Pennsylvania and North Carolina. With today's announcement of new members, the organization includes 152 officials from 46 states.

“The NewDEAL provides a unique and valuable opportunity for state and local leaders to learn from each other and develop policies that make today's economy work better for everyone in our communities,” said **Mayor Pete Buttigieg from South Bend, IN**, who joined the network in

2012. “It’s clear that we need new voices with fresh ideas and an ability to get things done to reinvigorate the Democratic Party and address the challenges that have the greatest impact on our constituents – in education, job creation, and more effective government services. I’m thrilled that Lorraine will join this effort to keep our country moving forward.”

Ausley, who previously served as state representative from 2000 – 2008 before winning election again in 2016, has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to ensuring all residents of Tallahassee and throughout Florida can thrive, including through her long track record fighting to support public education and to provide opportunity for children from all backgrounds. In addition to her past work in the legislature, Ausley served as Chair of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, a \$300 million public-private institution that provides health insurance for children in Florida. Ausley also served on the board of NewDeal from 2012-2016.

“I thoroughly enjoyed my experience on the NewDeal board, and I am honored to now join as a Leader. NewDEAL’s impressive national network includes a cross-section of public servants dedicated to expanding opportunity for everyone in the new economy, while making government work more effectively,” said **Ausley**. “I look forward to the opportunity to discover policies and share best practices with my colleagues in state and local government from across the country.”

Learn more about **Representative Ausley** and the NewDEAL by visiting <http://www.newdealleaders.org/leaders>.

The new class of NewDEAL Leaders includes:

Lorraine Ausley, State Representative, Tallahassee, FL
Megan Barry, Mayor, Nashville, TN
Kate Bolz, State Senator, Lincoln NE
Jeff Bridges, State Representative, Denver, CO
Liz Brown, City Councilmember, Columbus, OH
Christopher Cabaldon, Mayor, West Sacramento, CA
Anthony Daniels, State Representative and House Minority Leader, Huntsville, AL
Jorge Elorza, Mayor, Providence, RI
Mat Erpelding, State Representative and House Minority Leader, Boise, ID
Ed Lee, Mayor, San Francisco, CA
Jon Mitchell, Mayor, New Bedford, MA
Levar Stoney, Mayor, Richmond, VA
Michael Tubbs, Mayor, Stockton, CA
Brian Turner, State Representative, Asheville, NC

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