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## **NCOIL MOURNS DEATH OF KY SENATOR TOM BUFORD**

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Manasquan, NJ – NCOIL responded today to the passing of Kentucky State Senator Tom Buford. “All of us at NCOIL are saddened by the loss of Senator Buford and ask that you keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.” said NCOIL CEO, Commissioner Tom Considine.

Buford represented the 22<sup>nd</sup> District in the Kentucky Senate for over 30 years and served as the Senate Republican Whip from 1991-1992. Those who knew him knew of his commitment to the state of Kentucky and to its people. Buford was the longest serving member in the Republican caucus. Buford sponsored many bills on banking and insurance during his time in the Senate.

After Buford earned his B.S. from the University of Kentucky in 1971, he went on to serve as the President of the Buford Property Management Company, Executive Vice President for Central Bank and Kentucky Bank, and as a Contractor and Builder for Burford Construction.

NCOIL President, IN Matt Lehman said, “NCOIL experienced a great loss with the passing of Senator Buford. He attended and participated in a number of our meetings over the years, including our most recent national meeting in April and we were looking forward to seeing him again at our next meeting. He will be dearly missed by those who were lucky enough to know him and call him a friend or a colleague.”

Senator Buford was 72 years old when he passed away. Buford was married to his wife, Carol, and they have two children together.



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