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Dear Chairman Vala,

I am extremely sad to announce that my time as a Commissioner on the Airport Authority of the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport has come to an end.

It is neither my plan nor my desire to vacate this position - but after nearly 10 years of faithful, unprejudiced service to the Airport Authority, I find that I must now resign because of pressure from the Edgar County Watch Dogs.

As I leave, I want to publicly thank the Director, Mark Hanna, and his amazing staff for their remarkable dedication to leading a 5-star operation, the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. Your attention to detail and the striving for excellence is a model that many government organizations in our county should duplicate.

I also want to thank you, my fellow Commissioners, for your respect. Your honest, open debates have always resulted in a "collective wisdom" that economically advanced our city and region. I will miss you all.

Finally, I want to acknowledge and sincerely thanks to our Board Chainman, Mr. Frank Vala. Mr. Vala has always lead with integrity. His willingness for open debate and yet his device demeanor, have repeatedly lead this Airport Authority to not only be respected, but even emulated in our state. Mr. Chairman, I will miss your leadership.

My closing thoughts of appreciation go to the Chairman of the Sangamon County Board, Mr. Andy Van Meter, for my original and subsequent appointments to the Airport Authority Board and for his trust in my judgment. My hope is that I might continue to serve our County in some other way.

Thank you all for your support over the past decade. I leave now, not because I want to – but because I must.

May the Airport Authority continue to be a sterling example of how government is supposed to operate, and may God bless you all.

Thank you,



Rev., Dr. Eric A. Hansen