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The Honorable Judge Amanda Ade-Harlow
Resident Circuit Judge
301 East Main Street
Shelbyville, Illinois 62565

Re: Resignation From The Office of State's Attorney

Dear Judge Ade-Harlow:

In assessing the remainder of my term of office, and assessing the alternative opportunities available to me, I have made the decision to resign as Shelby County State's Attorney. Please accept this letter as my resignation from the Office of Shelby County State's Attorney. My resignation will be effective on May 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

In my college years, I spent several summers here in central Illinois. Like then, my recent time here in Shelby County has me marvel at the beautiful sunsets that regularly occur here. The power and beauty of the sunsets with the sun's rays bouncing off the clouds are truly remarkable. So too are the people that I have had the distinct pleasure of working with here in the State's Attorney's Office. The bright rays of light include not only you, but also Ms. Elizabeth Dobson (Special Prosecutor/Special Assistant State's Attorney), Mr. Brad Rau (an exceptional attorney and Public Defender), all of the judges, as well as each of my Assistants, amongst others. It is my hope that these bright rays of truth and fairness continue to shine upon the people of Shelby County. My departure is merely another type of sunset, and I will rise to a new chapter in my life.

Recently, I was asked about my experiences here in Shelby County serving as the State's Attorney. My initial response was that the role of State's Attorney has been one of significant self-reflection. Explaining further, I commented about the plight of defendants and the difficulty at times fulfilling the role of an arbiter of justice. During my term of office, I made it my personal objective to personally know the facts of each felony case and to try to understand the reasons for the individual's crime or the facts supporting a defendant's innocence.

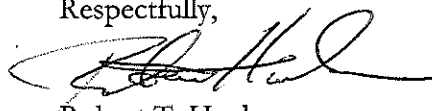
Justice continued to be served here in Shelby County during my administration. While I rarely comment about accomplishments or provide public comment about specific cases, the

following chart demonstrates by objective measurement the State's Attorney's Office's performance over the last several administrations.

State's Attorney	Months in office	Felony Convictions	Felony Convictions per month	Number of IDOC Sentences	IDOC per mo	Sentenced to Probation	Sentenced to Probation per mo	Total Fine Revenue Generated	Crime Stoppers Revenue
Robert T. Hanlon	14.5	164	11.71	67	4.79	97	6.93	\$254,504.05	\$26,569
Nichole Kroncke	26	190	7.31	82	3.15	108	4.15	\$ 185,956.00	\$2,510
Gina Vanderhiede	48	347	7.23	127	2.65	220	4.58	Not Available	N/A
Source: JIMS Prosecutor / Public Records									

Although the above chart is filled with numbers, each number is comprised of human lives, tragedies, harm to society and various failures. I do not relish that I was required by my oath to advocate sending individuals to prison. I did so as my oath commanded. I will continue to pray for those who are incarcerated to receive the power of redemption and experience forgiveness. In closing, I wish the people of Shelby County all the best in their future endeavors.

Respectfully,



Robert T. Hanlon