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SECRETARY OF STATE  
State of Texas

December 5, 2022

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
P.O. Box 12428  
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Dear Governor Abbott,

When I took office as Texas Secretary of State in October of last year, I did so with a singular goal and mission in mind: to help restore Texas voters' confidence in the security of our state's elections.

This was no small task, and I approached my duty with humility, patience, and an open mind. By listening directly to the concerns of local election officials, voters, and grassroots activists from across the political spectrum, I was able to understand how to better educate Texas voters about their most sacred civic duty. I also gained a deep appreciation for the difficult, meticulous, and often thankless work of local election officials in safeguarding the integrity of the ballot box.

As Texas' Chief International Protocol Officer, I had the distinct privilege of visiting with representatives from more than 60 nations to strengthen our diplomatic and commercial relationships with Texas' international partners and bring even more foreign direct investment to the Lone Star State. I was also deeply honored to help negotiate historic agreements with the Mexican states of Nuevo Leon, Chihuahua, Coahuila and Tamaulipas, establishing direct lines of communication to coordinate on enhancing border security and efficient, legitimate cross-border commerce.

Above all, I am proud to say that Texas has made tremendous progress in restoring faith in our elections over the past year, and that the Texas Secretary of State's office has developed a successful framework for analyzing and transparently reporting on election security through the forensic election audit process. With a successful 2022 General Election in the rear view mirror, and the final findings of the 2020 Texas forensic audit soon to be released, I write to inform you that I intend to return to my private law practice at the beginning of the New Year.

As such, I respectfully submit to you my resignation as Texas Secretary of State, effective December 31, 2022.

Thank you for the opportunity of a lifetime to serve. May God bless you and may He forever bless the great State of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John B. Scott".

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