

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. President -

As you know, it is with a profound sense of gratitude but a heavy heart that I have decided to take a respite from public service.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve at the White House. My time here and everyday of my nearly 23 years of public service have been both a blessing and a privilege.

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In 1937, the playwright Maxwell Anderson wrote of President George Washington:

There are some men who lift the age they inhabit, till all men walk on higher ground in their lifetime.

Mr. President, you are such a man. And so, it has been an honor to serve by your side at this extraordinary moment in

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our Nation's history.

May God bless you and all
those who serve and may He
continue to bless our great Nation.

Regards,

Fran Townsend