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Ms. Tonni L. Bartholomew, Clerk  
Troy City  
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Dear Ms. Bartholomew: *Tonni*

Now that the 2006 general election is "in the books," I want to offer my deepest appreciation for your dedication in ensuring its success.

I realize that every election places great demands on your time and resources, but this year took us to new and uncharted territories. The rollout of new voting equipment, additional federal requirements, a lengthy ballot, record turnout and heightened public scrutiny of elections nationwide all combined to make this year's preparation and administration even more challenging.

You and the election workers appointed in your jurisdiction did an amazing job of not only meeting those challenges, but often surpassing them as well. I am keenly aware of the countless hours that you devoted to preserving Michigan's record of election efficiency and integrity. You demonstrated beyond a doubt that your overriding concern was for the best interests of Michigan's voters. I know they share the respect and gratitude that I have for you.

I often tell people that their vote is their voice. But without you, democracy's voice could not be heard. Thank you for accepting the often difficult - but always noble - mantle of public service. Michigan's strength and bright future are due in large part to your extraordinary contributions.

I look forward to continuing our partnership in the years ahead. Remember that my door is always open. Again, please accept my sincerest thanks for a job well done, and my warmest wishes to you and your family during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Terrilyn Land*  
Terri Lynn Land  
Michigan Secretary of State

*Thanks Greatly!*