



January 19, 2011

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson
Treasury Building, 1st Floor
430 W Allegan
Lansing, MI 48918-2110

Dear Honorable Secretary Johnson:

As you are aware, many local municipalities have fallen on very difficult budget times, which require elected officials and municipal staff members to change the way we do business. We are no different here in Troy. We too are seeing many changes including organizational restructuring and a dramatic reduction in staffing. In anticipation to these staffing changes, I feel that I must direct all of my efforts to my home community and unfortunately resign from activities away from the City of Troy.

Regretfully, at this time I feel it would be in the best interest of my community for me to resign from my appointment to the Federal Election Assistance Commission Standards Board, effective immediately. I am resigning immediately as there is a scheduled meeting of the Standards Board in late February and I wish to allow you sufficient time to secure a replacement that can hopefully be in attendance at the upcoming meeting. Additionally, I will have completed my term on to the Executive Board at the end of February 2011.

The appointment to the Standards Board as the local representative has been a very rewarding opportunity for me. I take with me a great deal of election equipment technical knowledge, including terms such as cryptography and data integrity and so many acronyms, VVPAT, VVSG, TGDC, that I had to secretly create an acronym cheat sheet to survive the meetings. I also take with me so much more, including gratitude for the ability to serve on this prestigious position.

My service on the EAC Standards Board as the State of Michigan local representative board member, as well as a member of the Executive Board, Secretary of the Board and as the Chair of the Board has truly been a privilege and honor. I greatly appreciate the opportunity and the ability to serve along side the many wonderful election officials from across the United States and its territories.

I will miss my service on the Standards Board, but I know that it is my community that I must consider at this time.

Sincerely,

Tonni L. Bartholomew, MMC
Troy City Clerk

cc: Christopher Thomas, Director Michigan Bureau of Elections
Gineen M. Bresso, EAC Commissioner, DFO to Standards Board
John Szerlag, Troy City Manager