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Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

After serving a wonderful tenure with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) for the past 5 years, I have decided to resign my seat at the end of my term, effective January, 2010.

This has been one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences of my life. Serving the mental health community will always remain a passion for me and I want to express my sincere thanks to all of the Commissioners for their dedication and hard work with implementing the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

I wish to extend a special thanks to several individuals who have been instrumental in my growth as a Commissioner:

- Senate President pro Tempore – Darrell Steinberg
I had the privilege to serve as his Vice-Chair for close to 3 years on the MHSOAC. From him, I have learned much about the world of politics and how to be a determined and effective leader.
- Assemblymember – Wesley Chesbro
Former Commissioner and a long time advocate for the California mental health community, Assemblymember Chesbro is a person who had more faith in me than I had in myself.
- Chair – Andrew Poat
Is a one-of-a-kind mentor whose insights profoundly impacted my understanding of governance and how to effectively manage commissions and generate results. Chair Poat served with me as my Vice-Chair and friend, helping me to be successful as the Chair of the MHSOAC.

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- Commissioner – Darlene Prettyman,
Darlene is a family member who has been a strong ally and friend. I call her my surrogate Mother. Thank you so much for being there for me in some of the more difficult times.

These are but a few of the many *angels* whom God sent my way to help me understand the purpose and importance of the role in which I have had the honor to serve. Lastly, I want to thank the Mental Health Community of California for all of the support and love that has been shown to me over the past 5 years.

I look forward to working with many of you in the future in a different capacity.

Sincerely,



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Chair Emeritus, MHSOAC

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