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The Honorable Victor Manian
The Honorable Harold Froehlich
The Honorable Gerald Nichol
The Honorable John Franke
The Honorable Edward Leineweber
The Honorable Timothy Vocke

Dear Board Members,

I plan to retire from state service on June 29, 2016. It has been an honor beyond measure to serve the people of the State of Wisconsin. Thank you for entrusting me with the opportunity to serve as Director and General Counsel for the Government Accountability Board since its inception in 2007 through its dissolution. I have done my best every day to honor the faith that you and past members of the G.A.B. and the former State Elections Board placed in me to administer and enforce laws that are integral to a vibrant, transparent, accountable government.

Among the things I will cherish the most was the opportunity to work with a group of dedicated, supportive and engaged former judges. You challenged me to be the best public servant possible. My respect for your ability to serve as fair and impartial decision-makers grew exponentially through an unprecedented, politically-challenging tenure.

For the past 37 years and three months I have been privileged to work with a cadre of exceptionally dedicated and knowledgeable co-workers. Each and every one of them is a true professional, focused on delivering the best service to the people of the State of Wisconsin and the participants in our political process. The quality of their endeavors is reflected in the high degree of public confidence in the programs administered by the agency as well as the national reputation the agency has earned as a leader and model in the areas of campaign finance, elections, ethics and lobbying. Simply put, I could not have done my job without their exemplary work.

During my time with the Government Accountability Board and the State Elections Board I have seen the passion and commitment so many people throughout the state bring to the political process: candidates, municipal and county clerks, public officials, lobbyists and members of advocacy groups. I have found the opportunity to work with these individuals who care so deeply about Wisconsin government to be rewarding and inspiring.

I will treasure my time in state service and savor the many memories. I look forward to a new and exciting chapter in my life focused on family, friends and time to do even more fun stuff.

Thank you again for the opportunity few people are privileged to experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin J. Kennedy".

Kevin J. Kennedy

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