



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
1201 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 300
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005

December 8, 2011

President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for nominating me for a second term as Commissioner on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). However, I am writing today to tell you that I have chosen to resign my position as a member of the Commission. My resignation will be effective December 21, 2011. Serving on the Commission has been a tremendous honor and privilege.

When I was first appointed to the EAC in October 2008, I came to the Commission with three main goals: (1) ensure voting systems were certified for use by states and local election officials in time for the 2010 federal election cycle; (2) improve the Commission's clearinghouse of information and best practices in election administration and; (3) assist states in their effort to comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 by providing advisory opinions which answered states' questions regarding the use of federal funds they received to improve the administration of federal elections. Furthermore, I was always aware that the money entrusted to the Commission was provided by American taxpayers and I wanted it to be spent in the most effective, efficient and appropriate manner.

I have achieved the goals I sought to accomplish when I was first appointed to the Commission. On March 17, 2011, you kindly re-nominated me to a second term as Commissioner. My re-nomination was sent to the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration for consideration. However, the time has come for me to return home to Florida.

In light of my resignation, I kindly request that I be withdrawn from consideration for serving a second-term as Commissioner.

I am grateful and honored to have been given an opportunity to serve our nation in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gineen M. Bresso".

Gineen M. Bresso
Commissioner

cc:

The Honorable John A. Boehner, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration
The Honorable Lamar Alexander, Ranking Member, Committee on Rules and Administration

Tel: (202) 566-3100 www.eac.gov Fax: (202) 566-3127
Toll free: 1 (866) 747-1471