EMAIL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Attorney General Landry:

Due to recent false and unjust allegations against me and after an exhaustive and gutwrenching investigation that officially concluded no sexual harassment occurred, I have made the personal and very difficult decision to resign as Director of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division for the State of Louisiana.

Let me be very clear – I did not commit, nor do I condone sexual harassment in the workplace, or anywhere. An official independent and outside investigation underscored that my conduct did not rise to the level of sexual harassment.

As the first Black Director of the State's Department of Justice's Criminal Division, I am reminded of the importance of being first and accept the full responsibility of what this means as it relates to opening doors for others who come after me. I trust you will continue to open doors of opportunity in the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General. I also served nearly ten years as an assistant district attorney. In my years working in each of these roles, I sought to protect and serve the great citizens of the State of Louisiana. Throughout my entire career, my prosecutorial philosophy has been to lead with compassion when appropriate and be aggressive in dispensing justice to those responsible when necessary. I am proud of the accomplishments made during my three-year tenure in the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General, which include:

- Creation of a data-driven approach from case assessment through prosecution
- Expansion of communications with front line attorneys and supervisors for increased collaboration across agencies
- Reorganization of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for enhanced efficiencies and operations and culture shift to focus on service to citizens, while reducing fraud

Thank you for the appointment and opportunity to serve this state.

These false and unjust allegations and the related media coverage become distractions from the real work done by some great people at the Department of Justice and cause great pain to all involved. It is for these reasons and the nature of the entire matter that I submit my resignation from the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General.

Sincerely, Pat Magee