January 15, 2015

Kyle Janek, M.D. Executive Commissioner Health and Human Services Commission 4900 N. Lamar Blvd, 7th Floor Austin, Texas 78751

Commissioner Janek:

Please accept this letter as my formal notice of resignation effective February 6, 2015. It has been almost 10 years since I came to work at the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), starting first as a government relations specialist in the external relations division and eventually serving as chief of staff. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of this state, to work with stakeholders, with legislators and their staffs, and most especially the talented and dedicated public servants working at each of the health and human services agencies.

The last several months have presented challenges for this agency and while I had hoped that a speedy resolution to the various reviews would soon allow me to return to the job that I love, it is increasingly clear that a resolution will not come any time soon.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served as your chief of staff, and I want to thank the many professionals I have worked and learned alongside at HHSC. I will truly miss the daily interaction with the incredible people who are so committed to serving this state.

Sincerely,

Erica Stick