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The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General of the United States
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

I write to inform you of my intention to resign as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, effective 12:00 midnight on July 31, 2014.

It has been an honor to serve in this office for the last four years because I have had the privilege to do so alongside a talented group of Assistant United States Attorneys. I owe them and our tireless support staff a debt of gratitude for the dedication and resilience that has been displayed every day of my tenure.

That resilience was so critical because I was sworn in as the United States Attorney during a time of enormous challenge for our country and this state.

Across the nation in 2010, the number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty had risen to historic levels. A culture of corruption appeared to be growing unchecked in Indiana, as allegations shook the public's confidence in elected and appointed officials as well as our business community. Technological advances had opened new doors for education and entertainment, but also put law enforcement agencies in a race against criminals seeking to exploit this digital frontier. All of this was occurring during the greatest economic collapse in more than a generation.

Confronted with these truths in 2010, the employees of this U.S. Attorney's Office refused to back down from their pledge to pursue justice for all. The only rule was simple: no expense or past practice could be justified solely because "we've always done it that way."

Our office committed itself to the mantra of doing more with less on behalf of Hoosier taxpayers, fostering a culture of innovation and seeking new ideas to address old challenges. I met with local law enforcement leadership in all sixty counties of this district because I believed

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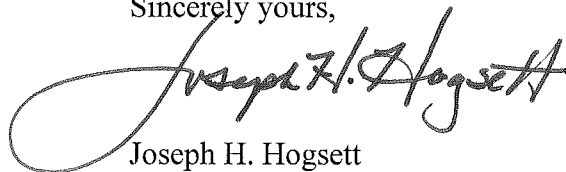
that we would find better ideas in Washington, Indiana, than in Washington, D.C. We also refused to accept the status quo as our best-case scenario, making every past performance “ceiling” our new floor.

The result of this effort has been the most exciting period in the office’s history. We have set new records for the number of defendants charged and the total number of criminal convictions. The office has led the nation in average length of sentences imposed on criminal defendants. Fiscally, annual office spending has fallen every year I have served, and is currently at a level not seen since the Bush Administration.

But numbers alone are not sufficient to describe the office’s accomplishments. Rather, the full story is told through the thousands of victims who found some sense of justice over the last four years – children who had faced horrific exploitation, grandmothers who had watched their retirement funds disappear, neighborhoods that used to live in fear of violent gangs that operated with no regard for the rule of law.

In 2010, I accepted the nomination to serve as United States Attorney with the firm belief that this position represented a wonderful opportunity to serve both my country and my community. Today, with those same considerations in mind, I am leaving the office with full confidence that our leadership team will do nothing but continue to build on the enormous progress of the past four years.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph H. Hogsett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Joseph H. Hogsett
United States Attorney
Southern District of Indiana