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Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

March 2, 2021

The Honorable Daniel J. McKee
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island
Room 116, Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Lieutenant Governor McKee:

Upon delivery and receipt of this letter, I hereby resign the Office of Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

Serving as governor these past six years has been the honor of my lifetime. Together, we jump-started our economy, lifted up small businesses, made record investments in education, led the fight against climate change, made long-overdue repairs to crumbling roads, bridges, and schools, and provided skills and a pathway to a good job for thousands of Rhode Islanders. And we did it all while keeping justice and equity at the forefront. Because of our work, Rhode Island is well-positioned for continued growth and success in the modern economy.

Over the last six years, I had the opportunity to meet Rhode Islanders in every corner of our state. It's the people of Rhode Island that inspired me and kept me going. Through the toughest of times, through the struggle and tragedy of the past year, the spirit and strength of who we are as Rhode Islanders always shone through. Our state is small but mighty. We have overcome many obstacles to get to where we are today, but we never gave up.

It is an honor to be called to serve as President Biden's Secretary of Commerce, and in many ways it is a continuation of the work we have done together these past six years. As we rebuild America and lift up those who have been left behind, the Rhode Islanders I have come to know will always be at the top of my mind.

I have the utmost confidence in you. You are a proud Rhode Islander, a dedicated public servant, an experienced executive, and a good man. You will serve our state honorably as its 76th governor.

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Thank you, Rhode Island, for the trust you have placed in me these past ten years. It has been a privilege to serve as your treasurer and governor, and I know the future is bright.

Sincerely,



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