

October 12, 2011

Commissioner Donetta Davidson
Commissioner Gineen Bresso
U. S. Election Assistance Commission
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Commissioners,

My resignation notice as Executive Director of the U. S. Election Assistance Commission is attached. November 30, 2011 is the effective resignation date; however, in using my remaining accumulated Annual Leave, my last day at the EAC will be Thursday, November 10, 2011.

As you may recall, I announced my impending departure at our June 2011 Board of Advisors meeting. I discussed in detail at that time my desire to return to my native New York after six years in Washington, DC. That time has arrived.

This decision was most difficult to reach as I leave a staff of true professionals who unquestionably have worked hard to accomplish many great things at the EAC. They have much of which to be proud and I am truly proud of each of them.

It has been a distinct honor and privilege to serve the election community throughout this nation. No one understands more than I how dedicated they are in protecting our cherished democracy.

I thank you, and your predecessors, for unwavering support doing these years and trust you will conclude that together EAC has fully met, and will continue to meet, the goals set forth in the Help America Vote Act.

While I leave Washington to return home after a long absence, I remain hopeful that I may continue to serve our election community in whatever capacity or opportunity may present itself.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TRW', written in a cursive style.

Thomas R. Wilkey

ccs: Board of Advisors
Standards Board
EAC Staff
State Election Directors