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Dear Katy,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve the State of Oregon as the second nominee to the position of Oregon's Public Records Advocate. I am truly grateful for the honor.

Unfortunately, a disagreement has arisen between me and at least one esteemed member of the Public Records Advisory Council (PRAC) regarding my actions. Rather than distract the group with a debate about this disagreement, after serious soul searching, I agree that my continued service in this role is not in the public interest. As I see it, the role of the Public Records Advocate is to work to resolve conflicts between the government and those seeking public records, not to become the subject of additional conflict.

Please accept my resignation effective September 30, 2020.

Despite this outcome, I am proud of the work I have done in a short time under difficult circumstances. I appreciate the family, friends and colleagues who supported me in my application for this job and in my decision to give it up. I hope that the analysis I provided to the PRAC will be useful as the work to establish a lasting and successful Office of the Public Records Advocate continues.

Warm regards,

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