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The Honorable David A. Paterson
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor:

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the New York State Commission on Public Integrity, effective at the close of business on February 12, 2009.

It is very difficult for me to make this decision but my health and energy have declined and I no longer believe that I can give my responsibilities the attention they require. As you are aware, I am also a professor at Fordham Law School and founding director of its Feerick Center for Social Justice.

My tenure as chair of both the ethics commission and this Commission has not been without its challenges, but amidst the challenges, I will forever be grateful to the staffs and members of these commissions for their outstanding service. It has been a special privilege for me to come to know the men and women of the Commission's staff and to serve with the Commission members, who give enormous uncompensated volunteer time to the people of the State. I feel proud of all that has been accomplished by the Commission in its many areas of responsibility, as reflected in its reports and daily work, and how it has done its work in a dispassionate and non-partisan manner. I feel special gratitude to Judge James King and Executive Director Herbert Teitelbaum for their invaluable contributions in helping achieve an effective transition of the lobbying and ethics commissions into this Commission. Their support and that of Judge Levine have been particularly meaningful to me and I wish to acknowledge them in this parting letter as well as the other members of the Commission and the senior staff for their dedicated service.

I wish you well and every success in discharging the important responsibilities of your office and I thank you for your support of the work of the Commission.

Respectfully,

John D. Feerick