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Subject: termination

December 14th, 2011

Dear Assemblyman Vito Lopez:

As you are fully aware, you fired me on Sunday, after a series of escalating incidents in which I repeatedly denied your sexual advances and told you to stop making sexual and other inappropriate remarks to me and other staff or to retaliate against me, and after I reported your behavior last week to human resources. Although you told me that I should still report for work for a brief transition before leaving, you then continued to yell at me on Monday, within ear shot of all staff, stating that you were "not going to get caught up in this minutia type of thing" or "be bogged down in bullshit."

I no longer feel safe at work or in your presence. It is impossible for me to perform my actual job, and I need time to recover from the way I have been treated. You have forced me out, and I am no longer able to report to work. I ask that you continue to pay me while I recover. In any event, I currently have 5 personal days and 6 days of unused comp time, so regardless of your position, I should receive a paycheck through and including December 28, 2011.

I have left all work related materials and papers on my desk and my keys, and left instructions for staff to deal with outstanding matters. My Assembly I.D. will be placed in the mail as of later today.