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Honorable, John Bel Edwards  
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Governor Edwards,

This letter is written to provide formal notice of my resignation from the position of Commissioner, Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco effective July 24, 2020, at 5:00p.m. It has been an honor and pleasure to have been afforded the opportunity to serve you and the citizens of our great state in this capacity over the last four and a half years. I want to thank you personally for providing me this opportunity and entrusting me with this important responsibility. Please know that I will be forever grateful for this appointment, these last four years have been a roller coaster ride and a once in a lifetime experience.

While I have truly enjoyed every moment of my work at ATC, I feel that it is time for me to return to the Criminal Justice System. It is my hope and desire to return to serving the citizens of Orleans Parish from the Magistrate Position of Criminal District Court. As you know, I was a Criminal Court Magistrate Commissioner at the time of this wonderful appointment and I have spent the majority of my career working in the Criminal Court System. God willing, I hope to return to the bench of Criminal District Court in Orleans Parish.

In the uncertain and volatile environment of today, I feel it is more important than ever to have strong qualified judges. My time at ATC has brought me into a new fight, one that I hope to continue from the bench. Though I will no longer work directly with you, if I am elected I hope to continue working with the wonderful First Lady, Donna Edwards. It is my sincere desire to continue my work in the fight against Human Trafficking by starting a program for survivors and a trafficking court in Orleans Parish.

Though I look forward to a new career and a new challenge, I must admit that I am sad to leave your cabinet and to leave ATC behind. The agency is wonderful and the men and women of ATC are honorable and dependable. I trust that the members of the agency will continue to serve the state well as I depart because they are some of the most wonderful people I have ever had the pleasure of working with. I depart with both memories of hard work and incredible personal experience. Thank you again sir for everything and may God continue to bless you and our great state.

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