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Governor Ted Strickland
The Ohio Statehouse
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor Strickland:

It is with sadness and regret that I tender my resignation as Attorney General of Ohio effective immediately. It has been an incredible honor to serve in this office and to work with an incredible team of lawyers and law enforcement professionals.

We have had great success over the past 17 months. We have focused for the first time in a long time in this office on standing up and fighting for regular working class and middle class people.

We have put the power of Ohio's Law Enforcement Machinery and Consumer Protection Laws to work to aggressively take on the predatory lenders who have decimated the neighborhoods of our state.

We have brought more environmental protection cases in 17 months than many of my predecessors did in their full terms, protecting Ohio's air and water.

We have worked to make healthcare more accessible to the public by holding non-profit hospitals accountable.

We have professionally and excellently represented State Government.

We have saved money for the state and improved the process for providing legal representation both inside and outside the office.

I apologize and accept responsibility for failing to give an administrative backbone worthy of the great legal work being done. I apologize and accept responsibility for not conducting my personal life in a way that is consistent with the important mission of the office.

My conduct has caused the creation of a firestorm of negative publicity that has reached a point where it is preventing the great professionals in the office from doing their important work.

This is not an acceptable state of affairs.

The only way I can insure that the great work in the office can continue is to take responsibility by resigning.

As I leave office, I am reminded of some words from another Marc, Marc Anthony in his eulogy for the assassinated Caesar:

"The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones."

These words are sad, but I believe true.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served the people of Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Dann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marc Dann