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John Budd

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Re: Notice of Resignation

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to formally resign from my position as the Executive Director of Economic Development, Growth, and Expansion at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, with my last working day being Friday, October 3rd.

This has been a deeply meaningful chapter of my career, and stepping away is not a decision I make lightly. I'm incredibly proud of the time I've spent in state service, and especially of the work I've done in economic development. Contributing to the initiatives that help grow communities, support businesses, and strengthen our state's economy has been both a privilege and a personal passion.

Among the accomplishments has been one of the most successful economic development years in state history with over 3,000 new jobs announced and the expansion of our state's critical mineral supply chain that is paramount for national defense, as well as domestic manufacturing. Oklahoma continues to be on the rise, and I look forward to seeing how our economy continues to grow in the near future.

Looking ahead, I've accepted a new opportunity as a Vice President at CBRE. It's a very exciting next step—one that builds on the work I've done in public service and allows me to continue supporting economic growth and development in a new capacity.

While I'm excited about what's to come, I leave with full confidence in the agency's current leadership and its continued success. The organization is in excellent hands, and I have no doubt that this incredible team will keep driving meaningful results for the people and communities we serve.

Over the next few weeks, I'm committed to ensuring a smooth and thoughtful transition. Please don't hesitate to let me know how I can be most helpful during this time.

Thank you again for your leadership, trust, and support. I'm proud of what we've accomplished together, and I'll always look back on this experience with deep appreciation and respect.

Sincerely,

Evan Brown