

August 18, 2025

Governor Stitt,

It is with deep gratitude and a sense of profound honor that I tender my resignation as Secretary of State for the great state of Oklahoma, effective October 2, 2025. My last day in office will be October 1, 2025.

From being one of the first legislators to endorse you in 2018, to serving as your Political Director in the 2022 election cycle and then your Deputy Chief of Staff, to being appointed Oklahoma's 39th Secretary of State; serving under your leadership has been one of the greatest privileges of my life.

I have witnessed firsthand your unwavering commitment to making Oklahoma a Top Ten State and a better place for our children, families, and communities. Your vision for a smaller and more efficient government, focused on cutting waste and championing fiscal responsibility, has been transformative. This administration's efforts in reducing taxes, cutting red tape, and bringing more opportunities to every corner of this state will have lasting impacts for generations to come.

As I reflect on our accomplishments I can't help but be filled with immense pride in what we've achieved together. The unwavering pursuit of your guiding principles has shaped every decision you've made, and I have been incredibly blessed to be part of this movement. The way you've used your faith as the compass for your leadership has had a profound effect, not only on the policies we've implemented, but in the way we've approached every challenge.

I will always be deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me to serve in your administration. Though my time as Secretary of State and your Chief Policy Advisor is coming to an end, I remain fully committed to the principles you've instilled in this administration and to the continued success of your leadership. Oklahoma is undoubtedly stronger for your service, and I have no doubt that you will finish well.

As I step away from this role, I wish you, your team, and the people of Oklahoma nothing but continued success and prosperity in the months and years ahead. Thank you for allowing me to serve, and may God continue to bless you, your family, and our great state.

With deepest respect and gratitude,

Josh Cockroft Secretary of State

State of Oklahoma