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Nellie Gorbea  
Secretary of State  
82 Smith Street  
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Dear Secretary Gorbea,

This letter serves as notification that, effective immediately, I am resigning as Senator, District 3. Along with serving as a senator for the past nine years, I have spent nearly 25 years working to challenge gender and racial inequities in our public policies in Rhode Island and nationally. I'm lucky that I have both a professional career and a role in public service that lets me lead with my values every day. I look forward to continuing to do so as I accept an appointment in the Biden-Harris administration.

After spending nearly a decade fighting to modernize our state's Temporary Disability Insurance, I saw my dream of creating paid family leave become reality in my first year in office. When the RI General Assembly passed Temporary Caregiver Insurance, Rhode Island became the third state with a paid leave program, and the first to ensure that employees have a right to return to work after they take time to care for their loved ones.

As a steadfast advocate for reproductive rights, I pushed to codify abortion protections into state law, made sure pregnant youth can consent to their own medical care, and sought to decrease racial disparities in maternal mortality. I advocated for increasing child care assistance, expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, and raising the tipped minimum wage. I supported youth in foster care and ensured anyone who is adopted will have access to their original birth certificates. I pushed for voting reforms, working with you and your team to create online and automatic voter registration. For years, I have introduced gun safety legislation, including the proposed ban on high-capacity magazines that is now supported by a majority of my colleagues but has yet to reach the Senate floor.

In my first year in office, I introduced a resolution marking "Equal Pay Day" in an effort to raise awareness of the gender and racial wage gap. I introduced legislation throughout my career to address that gap and, as I leave the Senate, I am pleased that we have finally passed strong protections for thousands of Rhode Island women and Rhode Islanders of color into law.

I am proud of the more than 40 bills I have sponsored that have become law, and that I championed many others. Mostly, I hope I effectively used my public office to call out injustice and inequity, while helping Rhode Islanders get involved in advocacy. I am grateful to the people of the East Side and Fox Point communities for their support. Their strong voices and commitment to creating a more just society has been the fuel that kept me going.

Only 59 women have served in the Rhode Island Senate in our state's history. It has been the honor of a lifetime to be one of them. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve our democracy and our incredible state -- may both continue to flourish under the careful stewardship of our leaders and our people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Gayle L. Goldin", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

cc: Senate President Dominick Ruggerio