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Dear Chairman Wilson:

This letter is to inform you of my resignation, effective July 2. It has been a privilege to work with you and the WCC team as we established a new administrative process for injured workers to receive their benefits in Oklahoma.

Our success will become increasingly evident as rates continue to fall and as Oklahomans enjoy the increased economic activity and jobs produced by those cost reductions. Oklahoma employers are seeing a \$220,000,000 reduction in costs each year. That makes Oklahoma a much more attractive place to do business and produces jobs for Oklahomans. In addition, state government will save \$9,000,000 in reduced insurance premiums this year. These are not one time cost savings. These savings accrue every year and will increase as anticipated savings become actual savings.

Future savings to state government and future jobs growth in Oklahoma are dependent upon the continued success of the Commission. I am committed to assisting you and the future chairman of the Commission in identifying and preparing a new executive director prior to my departure. A smooth handoff will keep our success growing.

The WCC faces many challenges. We still have an antiquated computer system. The electronic data interchange (EDI) program that we envision must be initiated. As the caseload grows, the staff will inevitably grow, and the staff organization will continue to evolve. Over the next few weeks we must lay the foundation for these changes to insure the WCC's success in the future.

You assembled a remarkably talented team. I am honored to be part of it. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of the state of Oklahoma at the Workers' Compensation Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Farmer".

Rick Farmer, PhD