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Governor Scott Walker
115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

This letter is to advise you of my intention to retire from the Wisconsin Supreme Court effective July 31, 2016.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve the people of Wisconsin in various capacities for more than 40 years. During this time, I have had the exceptional privilege of working in all three branches of state government, including 18 years as a representative in the State Assembly and 18 years as a justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Public service was the career I chose at an early age. That goal has been fulfilled. To survive for long in elective office, a person must be supported by a loving family and a nearly endless stream of loyal and devoted friends. I have been so blessed.

There is no way I can ever adequately thank the countless people, including Harold Froehlich and Tommy Thompson, who have helped me realize my dreams. In all the positions I have held, the men and women I have asked to work with me have never failed to meet my high expectations. They are largely responsible for the successes we have achieved, and they have kept me afloat in times of crisis.

I am extremely grateful to the people of Appleton and Outagamie County who gave me my start in politics and who supported me in 15 elections. I deeply appreciate the support of the people of Wisconsin in three statewide campaigns.

Serving on the Wisconsin Supreme Court has been an honor beyond description. In choosing my successor, Governor, I respectfully request that you select a person who is fully committed to the important mission of the judiciary. Such a person will understand that promoting the reputation and integrity of the institution is more important than the promotion of any individual.

For me, the time has come to step down, pass the torch, and begin a new chapter in my life.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Prosser Jr." with a small flourish at the end.

David T. Prosser, Jr.
Justice

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