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Chairwoman Sue P. Everhart
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Dear Madam Chair Sue Everhart:

Since May 2001, I have had the distinct honor and privilege to serve as the General Counsel of the Georgia Republican Party. In those seven years, Georgia Republicans have changed the face of politics in Georgia. In 2002, we elected our first Republican Governor since Reconstruction, captured control of the Georgia Senate, and gained a Republican U.S. Senate seat. In 2004, we carried Georgia for George W. Bush, elected a Republican majority in the Georgia House of Representatives, and gained a second U.S. Senate seat.

In 2006, Georgia was one of the few bright spots for Republicans with the reelection of our governor, and the election of a Republican lieutenant governor and many more. And in 2008, we carried Georgia for our Republican nominee John McCain and reelected our Republican Senator Saxby Chambliss. It has been a phenomenal run.

In all, we Georgia Republicans have won 14 statewide elections, 30 congressional elections, and during these past eight years, hundreds of legislative elections and thousands of local elections. When I started, Senators Chambliss and Isakson were Congressmen, Lt. Governor Cagle and Congressman Price were State Senators, and Congressman Westmoreland was a State Representative. We have come a long way.

When Chairman Ralph Reed appointed me in 2001, he had one simple request – build a legal team that could defend the accuracy and integrity of hard fought Republican victories in elections around Georgia. With the help of Anne Lewis, the Chief Deputy General Counsel, and others like her, we did just that. The Legal Task Force we created, with impressive legal talent like Matt Mashburn, Rob Joseph, Stefan Passantino, Stacy Freeman, Cary Ichter, Tex McIver, Doug Chalmers, and many others, defended all across Georgia the historic Republican wins in 2002. In addition, Linda Evans, my lovely bride, spearheaded the Election Day hotline which directed the challenges we faced to the Georgia Republican lawyers around Georgia.

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When then Chairman Alec Poitevint asked me to stay on as General Counsel in 2003, and again in 2005, he gave a clear directive – institutionalize the structures we had created for defending our hard fought victories. And, with his help, we did. At every turn, our legal task force checked and stopped the shenanigans that had threatened Republican gains for decades in Georgia.

Candidly, after six years, I was ready to call it a day. But then, you, the tireless champion of grass roots, were then elected as Georgia's Chair. Over my career, I could never say no to you and I was not about to start. You have been a great Chair and I believe that you are the best person to lead us into the difficult challenges in the 2010 cycle. With your support, we solidified and bolstered in 2008 our outstanding legal team structure. As confirmation of its value and success, Georgia's legal election team structure has become the model for states around the country. (Indeed, last year the Republican National Lawyer's Association had a training program at its National Election School on how to build legal task forces with Georgia's Legal Task Force as the model.)

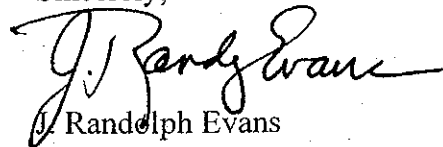
Yet, the time has come for me to finish my time as General Counsel. As I committed to do, I will finish my term as General Counsel through the May convention. And, I will do whatever you and our Party may ask. However, because of other demands, this will have to be my last term.

Thank you and the Georgia Republican Party for the great honor you and our Party have given me to serve. I have total confidence in the lawyers that follow me.

Now, to be clear, I am not going anywhere. And, I will continue to be available to help you and our Party as you see fit. So, I look forward to seeing you and our fellow Republicans at the upcoming County, District, and State Conventions.

Take care and God bless the Republican Party and the United States.

Sincerely,



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