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Honorable Laura Kelly  
Governor of the State of Kansas  
State Capitol, 300 SW 10th Avenue  
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1590

Re: Letter of resignation

Dear Governor Kelly:

Life changes, so plans change.

I was recently diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, more commonly known as ALS, or "Lou Gehrig's disease". The disease has now affected me to the point that my ability to perform my position as Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court is no longer at the level of excellence sufficient to suit me. I have therefore decided to step down. I want to finish some important projects I have already started, so my retirement will be effective July 4, 2025.

I know from experience the Supreme Court Nominating Commission, and the KBI, will investigate any applicant for my position as thoroughly and vigorously as they investigated me. And so will you. I know the one person who ultimately survives this focused examination will be exceptionally qualified to succeed me. That gives me great comfort, because this job is as extremely and unrelentingly difficult as it is rewarding.

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My tenure as a Supreme Court Justice has been a rare gift, and I know it. It has been my honor and privilege to serve with other justices who have demonstrated utmost integrity, hard work, and legal prowess under circumstances both extreme and mundane.

I am grateful to the nominating commission, to you, and to the Kansas voters who retained me, for the confidence with which I have been entrusted. I have tried to do my best, because the people in this great state deserve no less. But it is time for me to start a new journey.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evelyn Zabel Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "W".

Evelyn Zabel Wilson  
Justice, Kansas Supreme Court

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cc: Chief Justice Marla J. Luckert