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The Honorable Senator Nicholas P. Scutari
Members of the New Jersey State Senate
125 W. State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

Dear Senate President Scutari and Esteemed Colleagues of the New Jersey State Senate:

It is with a full heart that I tender my resignation from the Senate effective August 31, 2022. Despite the fervor of my commitment to the office and the depth of my dedication to my constituents and the people of New Jersey, circumstances beyond my control now force my retirement from this distinguished body.

It has been the honor of my life to serve the people of this great state – especially those in the 28th District – for the last 35 years. It has been a solemn privilege to chair the New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus for 18 cherished years.

I'm proud of the many ways we have worked together to improve life in every community in our state, across every demographic. I'm especially heartened by our desperately needed accomplishments toward racial equality and social justice. Though I have not executed my duties perfectly, or completely, I have approached each goal with an all-consuming passion and left everything on the field.

I value the many friendships, alliances and collaborations I've enjoyed with so many current and past legislators and state officials. I'm thankful for how you sharpened my focus, defined my aspirations and brought out the best in me for the sake of my constituents.

Each of you have confirmed my belief that there is always a path forward when we focus, with an open and generous heart, on what we have in common.

It is the distinction of a lifetime to have been in your company and I am forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Senator Ronald L. Rice
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