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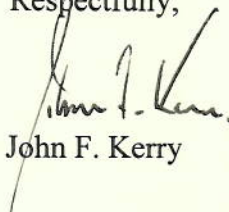
January 29, 2013

Governor Deval L. Patrick
Massachusetts State House
Office of the Governor
Room 280
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Governor Patrick:

This letter is to inform you that with great gratitude to the people of Massachusetts for the privilege of serving them for over 28 years and with great pride in what I have been able to contribute to Massachusetts and our country, I hereby resign my seat in the United States Senate effective Friday, February 1st at 4:00pm in order to assume the responsibility of Secretary of State.

Respectfully,



John F. Kerry

cc: The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the Senate
The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, President pro tempore, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Harry M. Reid, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate
The Honorable William Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts