



**A. Richard Vial**  
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE

January 6, 2020

**Secretary Bev Clarno**  
136 State Capitol Building.  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem 97310-0722

Re: Resignation of Deputy Secretary of State – A. Richard Vial

Dear Secretary Clarno,

It is with very mixed emotion that I am tendering my resignation as Deputy Secretary of State effective January 10, 2020. I am grateful for having been given this opportunity, and will miss working with you and the others here at the Secretary of State's office.

I have often observed that serving as a State Representative was one of the most impactful learning experiences of my life. However, if that position was a college course, then working in the Secretary of State's office has been like attending Grad School. Certainly, I am more aware than ever of the impact that our government has on our lives.

I am grateful for the example of service that you have been. I feel more inspired than ever to make sure that I continue to search for those places that my service might be most effective. In this moment of extreme partisanship, I desire not only to see better government, but perhaps to help bring a more positive tone to the conversations necessary to achieve that goal. I am committed to being ready to serve when the opportunity arises.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to have served.

Very truly yours,

A. Richard Vial

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