

Henry McMaster governor

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Richard Eckstrom Comptroller General State of South Carolina 305 Wade Hampton Office Building Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear General Eckstrom,

Please know that I have received and accepted your resignation as Comptroller General, effective April 30, 2023.

The Eckstrom and McMaster families have been dear friends for decades. I know that your every wish has been, and always will be, prosperity and happiness for the people of South Carolina.

Your twenty-four years of dedicated and honorable service in the Constitutional offices of Treasurer and Comptroller General have been widely recognized, and your contributions too numerous to list.

I thank you for your friendship and your dedicated service to the State, and I wish you success in any and all future endeavors.

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Dear Governor McMaster:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to the people of South Carolina that I resign as Comptroller General.

Over the course of my time in public office, I have taken great pride in the responsibility entrusted to me. I have been humble in my approach to the job, an attribute I hope our constituents have recognized and will remember.

I have never taken service to the state I love or the jobs to which I have been elected lightly, endeavoring to work with my colleagues, from constitutional officers to members of the General Assembly, to be a strong defender of the taxpayer and a good steward of their hard-earned tax dollars. They deserve nothing less.

As I close out my career in public service, and get the affairs associated with that career in order, my resignation shall be effective Saturday, April 30, 2023. I hope this will also give members of the General Assembly time to begin a process to elect my replacement and, ultimately, put forth an amendment to the constitution to make the Office of Comptroller General an appointed position, for which I have been a longtime advocate.

Thank you for your continued service to the State of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Richard Eckstrom, CPA Comptroller General State of South Carolina

cc: The Honorable Murrell Smith, Speaker of the House of Representatives The Honorable Thomas Alexander, President of the S.C. Senate