

Michael Leach
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The Honorable Governor McMaster
State House
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201



Dear Governor McMaster,

It is with a mix of gratitude and regret that I am writing to tender my resignation from my position as State Director at The South Carolina Department of Social Services. Please accept this letter as my formal notice of resignation, effective January 2nd, 2025.

Serving in this role for the past Five 1/2 years at SC Department of Social Services has been an incredible honor and privilege. I have had the chance to work alongside a dedicated team and contribute to serving SC's most vulnerable citizens. I believe I was destined to be here in SC at DSS during a chaotic time when people needed help more than ever. I am proud of the work we have done and the positive impact we've made on our South Carolina community. Collaborating with dedicated colleagues and advocates has been inspiring, and I am grateful for the support and guidance I received from everyone in SC.

This decision was not made lightly, as I hold deep respect for the mission of our department, our amazing professionals, and the people we serve.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to you for your guidance, leadership, and support during my time of service. I am proud to have been a part of the accomplishments we have achieved. I assure you that I will do everything within my capacity to ensure a smooth transition of my responsibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity. I am hopeful for the continued success of the Department of Social Services and look forward to seeing the positive changes that will come.

I wish you and the entire administration all the best in your future endeavors. It has been an honor to work with you, and I look forward to hearing about the continued success of SC.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Leach', written in a cursive style.