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Civil Rights Division

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In early October, I informed Chief of Staff Wiles that I will be leaving the Department of Justice after the 2026 Midterm Election. Consistent with that conversation, I hereby resign as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Justice. Serving you and your Administration has been the greatest honor of my lifetime. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

During my time leading the Civil Rights Division, we obtained historic victories for the American people. Those victories include:

- Ending unlawful and discriminatory DEI practices at major institutions across the country.
- Protecting women and girls' sports from biological males, including through lawsuits against Minnesota and California.
- Conducting the largest election-monitoring effort in the Department's history.
- Establishing the Division's first ever Second Amendment Section.
- Defending the rights of parents to raise their children by suing school districts that 'transition' students to a different 'gender identity' behind their parents' backs.
- Protecting religious liberties of all Americans and fighting the rise of antisemitism by prosecuting anti-Jewish hate crimes and the hostile anti-Jewish environments created and condoned at elite universities.

This is just a small sample of what we've accomplished in the Civil Rights Division over the past year and-a-half. We could not have done so without your support and the support of the entire White House team. For that, I thank you.

While I am leaving this post, I will continue fighting for our country in the years ahead. Thank you again for your hard work on behalf of the American people and for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Regards,

Harmeet K. Dhillon