

February 26, 2014

HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Governor Pat Quinn
Office of the Governor
James R. Thompson Center
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Honorable Governor Pat Quinn:

Effective Friday, February 28, 2014, I hereby resign as acting Director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

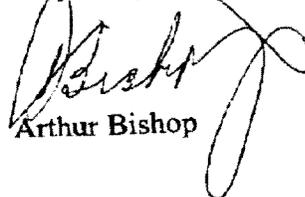
For almost 20 years, my work has been dedicated to the best interest of children who are in the care and custody of the Department of Children and Family Services or the Department of Juvenile Justice. The mission of protecting and serving the youngest residents of our state should not be used for political purposes.

I am aware that we are in the mist of a contested election, and that my documented accomplishments, dedication, and almost 20 years of exemplary work are in this environment, simply irrelevant.

While your political rivals may be willing to attack me in an effort to obtain some modicum of political advantage, I cannot agree to be used as a distraction to the real issues that face the State and the children that remain in State custody.

I appreciate the confidence you have demonstrated in my work as the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, as the Deputy Director of the Department of Children and Family Services, and then in nominating me as the acting Director of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Very Truly Yours,



Arthur Bishop

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