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STATE OF DELAWARE  
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Dear Speaker Minor-Brown,

After deep reflection and many heartfelt conversations with my family, doctors, and loved ones, I have made the incredibly difficult decision to resign from the Delaware House of Representatives, effective immediately.

In December, I suffered a serious medical emergency that profoundly changed the rhythm of my life. Since that moment, I have fought every day toward recovery. And while I am proud of the strides I've made, I must acknowledge – with honesty and humility – that I can no longer serve this district with the full energy, presence, and focus it rightfully deserves.

This district is my home. It raised me, shaped me, and gave me every opportunity to serve. I was a proud student of Milton Public School 196C, taught by a generation of Black educators who believed in the power of service, the dignity of our people, and in the obligation to lift as we climb. Their wisdom never left me, and it carried me all the way to becoming the first Black State Representative from Sussex County – something that, as a young girl, I could never have imagined.

Public service was never about the spotlight. It was about the work. For decades, I showed up, spoke out, and stood up for the values we share and the voices that too often go unheard. This community has always been a part of me, and I've done my best to reflect its strength and spirit in everything I do. And while recent conversations have turned away from the substance of that work, I will not. I am stepping down not because of noise or pressure, but because I care too deeply about this community to offer anything less than my full capacity.

To those who extended grace, prayers, and patience during my time of healing, thank you. Your compassion meant everything. I'm especially grateful to House Leadership, including Speaker Melissa Minor-Brown and Minority Leader Tim Dukes, for supporting me through these last few months and allowing me the space to reach this decision in my own time and on my own terms. I also want to thank those who elected me to serve and those who worked tirelessly to get me into this office and re-elected for a second term.

To my constituents: please know that I gave everything I had to this role, and I wanted more than anything to return to it. But I also know when it's time to let go – and to trust that the seeds planted over a lifetime of service will continue to grow.

With love, gratitude and pride,  
Rep. Stell Parker Selby.