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The Honorable Phil Murphy Governor of New Jersey Office of the Governor Trenton, N.J. 08625

Dear Governor Murphy,

This is to advise you that I will be resigning from my office as the United States Senator from New Jersey, effective on the close of business on August 20, 2024.

This will give time for my staff to transition to other possibilities, transfer constituent files that are pending, allow for an orderly process to choose an interim replacement, and for me to close out my Senate affairs.

While I fully intend to appeal the jury's verdict, all the way and including to the Supreme Court, I do not want the Senate to be involved in a lengthy process that will detract from its important work. Furthermore, I cannot preserve my rights upon a successful appeal, because factual matters before the ethics committee are not privileged. This is evidenced by the Committee's Staff Director and Chief Counsel being called to testify at my trial.

I am proud of the many accomplishments I've had on behalf of New Jersey, such as leading the federal effort for Superstorm Sandy recovery, preserving and funding Gateway and leading the federal efforts to help save our hospitals, State and municipalities, as well as New Jersey families through a once in a century COVID pandemic. These successes led you, Governor, to call me the "Indispensable Senator."

I thank the citizens of New Jersey for the extraordinary privilege of representing them in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

Robert Menendez

United States Senator

New Jersey

cc: The Honorable Kamala Harris, President of the Senate The Honorable Ann Berry, Secretary of the Senate