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Dear Governor DeSantis:

You recently appointed me to fill the Circuit Judge seat being vacated by the retirement of Circuit Judge James Hankinson effective July 1, 2020. The purpose of my letter is to resign as Leon County Judge Seat 2, effective July 1, 2020, when I take the oath of office to serve as a circuit judge.

I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve the people of Leon County on the county bench. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve the people of the Second Judicial Circuit.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Layne Smith".

J. Layne Smith

Copies to:

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