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TO: The Addison County Community and Various Media Outlets

FROM: Eva Vekos, State's Attorney

DATE: March 3, 2024

Greetings to all:

Following my arrest in late January 2024, I stepped back from my work to reflect upon this major event, its impact on me personally and professionally, and its impact upon the community. After this break, I write to announce that I have now fully returned to my job.

I also write to express my deep regret for the email that I sent to the law enforcement chiefs and Sheriff. It was insulting, hurtful and unkind. That email does not at all reflect my true feelings, which include a profound respect for the hard work and dedication of uniformed and other police officials who work so tirelessly to promote our safety. I intend to fully restore my professional and productive working relationship with law enforcement. To further that effort, I have reached out to the chiefs and Sheriff of Addison County and scheduled a meeting in the coming weeks where I will personally express my apology.

My performance as State's Attorney in the past fourteen months has been guided by my belief in social justice, my compassion for all people, and decades of experience and training as a legal professional in the area of criminal and juvenile justice. Being a defendant in a criminal case brings me an unwelcome but important understanding of what the accused experience in our criminal legal system as well.

Now that I have returned from my leave, I will execute my duties to the best of my ability as State's Attorney for Addison County through the remainder of my term.

With peace and gratitude,

Eva