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Mr. Matthew Ung
Chair, Woodbury County Board of Supervisors

Dear Mr. Ung,

Thank you for speaking with me over the past few weeks. With the news that the Board of Supervisors has approved the addition of Medical Examiner Investigators (MEI's) for Woodbury county death investigations, I will rescind my letter of resignation as Woodbury County Medical Examiner.

There is much work to be done to get this program off to a solid start. To begin, I ask that Elizabeth Ford and Sarah Harris, both paramedics, be approved as MEI's. Both have previously attended a death investigation training course given by the State Medical Examiner's office. I feel that once they are comfortable with the process and the reporting/paperwork, we can look at other applicants and add to the team.

A longer ranging goal is to transition the "office" of the Woodbury Medical Examiner from the hospital to the county setting. This too, will be a process, and will require a new phone number for the medical examiner's office and staff (county personnel—a "coordinator" of sorts that has been alluded to previously) to handle the requests and answer questions.

I appreciate the support of the board as we undertake this project and begin a new model of more efficient death investigation in Woodbury county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Breiner".

Julie A. Breiner, MD