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After over 24 years of working and serving the communities of Community Action Agency of South Alabama (CAASA), on July 8, 2020, I respectfully submitted my resignation as the CEO to the Board of Directors so that I may explore new opportunities and challenges. While this certainly was not an easy decision for me, I'm extremely thankful and hopeful that my next chapter, as Executive Director of the Community Action Association of Alabama, will only broaden my reach and impact to all 67 Alabama counties as an advocate to support the CAA network across the state.

I am tremendously proud of all the accomplishments achieved by the Board of Directors, staff, and the communities we served during my tenure and I will forever cherish the relationships I've built as an employee and CEO of CAASA. Although I'm sure there will always be trials, I truly feel that CAASA is now poised, more than ever, to meet and exceed all expectations as a leading agency in the war on poverty. The staff is led by both a committed Board of Directors and an exceptionally strong and solid senior management team.

Please know that I give my sincerest gratitude to all who have been so supportive of the organization and of me personally over my many years: Board of Directors, peers, staff, and, certainly, our community, state and federal partners. Without your support, neither I nor the organization would be as accomplished and strong as it is today. I am honored to have been the leader of this incredible organization and in doing my part of helping to create solutions to address and eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty. Additionally, I do not take it for granted, that the knowledge and experience gained during my years at CAASA has well equipped me for new challenges, and for that I am forever grateful.

With consideration given to August 31, 2020 as my last day, on Monday, August 3, 2020, the Executive Committee of the Board approved and named Ms. Rosetta Pender as the Interim CEO effective September 1, 2020. Ms. Pender will lead the day-to-day functions of the organization while reporting directly to the Board.

Again, I cannot say thank you enough to this community, partners (local, state, & federal), and to CAASA Board and staff for the growth I've experienced during my time here. In the future, if I can ever be of service to anyone, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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