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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Honourable Heather Stefanson  
Premier of Manitoba  
Room 204, Manitoba Legislature  
450 Broadway  
Winnipeg, MB  
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December 29, 2022

Dear Premier:

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I will not be running for re-election as Member of the Legislative Assembly for Spruce Woods in the next general election.

It has been the honour of my life to serve the people of Southwestern Manitoba as MLA for Spruce Woods and the former constituency of Turtle Mountain for the last 19 years. During that time, I have worked every day to make this province a better place for Manitobans to live, work, and raise a family.

I have had the incredible opportunity to serve in five Ministerial roles, as Minister of Growth, Enterprise, and Trade; Minister of Crown Services and Government House Leader; Minister of Justice and Attorney General; Minister of Education; and Minister of Economic Development, Investment, and Trade. It has also been an extraordinary honour to serve as your Deputy Premier, which continues to provide me with the opportunity to meet with Manitobans from every corner of this great province of ours.

I do not take this decision lightly. However, there comes a time when you arrive at a fork in the road and you must choose a path forward. I turned 60 this year, Marilyn has retired from teaching, and my three sons are starting careers and families of their own. Marilyn and I recently welcomed two beautiful grandchildren into this world. My parents are also still healthy and anxious to spend more time with their son in their golden years. After nearly two decades as an MLA and a Minister, it is time for me to be Cliff.

Over the last six and a half years in government, we have accomplished great things for Manitobans. We made life more affordable through tax reductions. We cleaned up the finances of the province and balanced the budget. And we created jobs and attracted investment through our strong focus on economic development.

While we have accomplished a lot, there is still plenty of work left to do. Manitoba has boundless potential. Our incredible agricultural sector, abundance of natural resources, and strategic access to global markets make us a potential hub for international investment and trade.

There remains only one leader and one party capable of realizing our potential – Heather Stefanson and the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba. Over the next year, I will do everything in my power to ensure that Manitobans re-elect a Progressive Conservative majority government under your strong leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in your government, and thank you for your unwavering commitment to our great province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cliff Cullen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cliff Cullen

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