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Dear WSEHA Board of Directors and Southwest Region Members,

I am sending you this letter of resignation from the WSEHA Board of Directors as Southwest Regional V.P.

I have been awarded a fellowship in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Ladder to Leadership program. The program is a collaborative initiative of the RWJF and the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL). The Ladder to Leadership is a 16-month program that focuses on developing critical leadership competencies for 30 professionals in the Portland area. I'm excited to take this next step in my personal development.

Along with this opportunity, I must make some difficult decisions to successfully balance my workload and personal life. Thus, I will not have the time to be an effective representative for the Southwest Region and will be stepping down from the WSEHA Board of Directors effective immediately.

A notice of Southwest Regional VP vacancy will be sent to the Southwest Region members in the very near future. I encourage all of you to "throw your name in the hat." If there is more than one candidate, (I hope so) then an election will be held to elect my successor.

It has been a pleasure to work with all of you passionate environmental health professionals for the past 2 years!

Kindest regards,

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