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To: Quinn, Cameron
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Dear Cameron,

I hereby resign my position in the federal service as your senior advisor, effective in two weeks, or sooner if you prefer.

We are living in a time of intense crisis, with human rights abuses by this Department tearing our country apart. I have spent almost eight years here, trying to uphold my oath to defend the Constitution and to help this Department realize its mandate to respect civil rights and civil liberties. It is not currently possible for someone in my role to fulfill that oath. CRCL lacks the tools, the relationships, and the respect that would be needed to perform its statutory function in the face of the President's directions that the Department violate civil rights and civil liberties on a large scale.

Extorting parents to surrender Constitutional rights by threatening their bond with their children is unconscionable. CRCL needed to say that loudly, early, and often. Instead we stood by for two months, waiting for a briefing at which we were stonewalled and lied to by profoundly unserious political appointees unwilling to acknowledge the civil rights violations they were planning. We needed to insist, then and now, on telling Department leadership how its policies, and its gross negligence in carrying them out, conflict with our core Constitutional values.

If the political leadership of this Department simply does not care about the law, our treaty obligations, or the Constitution, there is no advice to give, and no role for CRCL. And so I choose to no longer spend my days so close to the evil that DHS is perpetuating, in an office that was created to do something about it, while powerless to remediate the harm.

Thank you for the kindness you have always shown to me. I wish you and the rest of CRCL the greatest possible success.

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