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Dear neighbor,

I am writing to inform you that I am resigning from my position as Assemblywoman for the 72nd Assembly District effective today. While it saddens me to write you with this news I also want to take the opportunity to thank you for trusting me with your vote and allowing me to become the first Dominican-American woman to be elected to the New York State Legislature and the first woman to represent our community politically in a generation.

Please know that I never violated the confidence you placed in me. I am not resigning because of any wrongdoing connected to my position as your Assemblywoman or a civic and political leader in our community.

I am stepping down because earlier today I pleaded guilty to an impropriety under Article 18 of the US Code- 1001 relating to a bankruptcy proceeding in 2009, long before you elected me to the New York State Assembly. I sincerely regret not properly reporting money involving my husband's earnings related to the 2009 proceeding. I also regret that almost 20 years ago I regularized my immigration status in an improper manner.

I also want to emphasize that these legal issues were not the sole reason behind my decision. In the past few weeks my health has deteriorated a lot due to stress. Other members of my family are also facing serious health issues that I must devote attention to.

I am proud of the work I did in Albany and in our community as your representative. I became the first freshman Assembly Member in my class to pass legislation. I was an unwavering advocate for passage of the DREAM Act, tenant protection measures, the 10-point Women's Equality Act, legislation to allow municipalities to raise their own minimum wage to account for regional differences in cost of living and other progressive measures to make our state a more just place to live, work and do business.

Again, thank you for the trust you placed in me and know that as your Assemblywoman, I always sought to represent you with dignity and respect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gabriela Rosa".

Gabriela Rosa
Assembly Member, 72nd District