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Jake Crawford
Chairman, Albany County Democratic Committee
21 Colvin Ave.
Albany, NY 12206

Re: Letter of Interest - Appointment as interim coroner

Dear Mr. Crawford and the Albany County Democrat Committee Executive Officers:

I am writing to formally express my interest in being appointed to fill the upcoming vacancy in the Albany County Coroners Office.

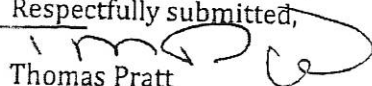
I am a qualified elector and resident of Albany County and have a strong interest in public service. I understand the seriousness and sensitivity of the coroner's responsibilities, including working closely with law enforcement, public health officials, medical professionals, and — most importantly — the families of the deceased.

I have been a licensed funeral director for 23 years. My background also includes 22 years experience in body removals and transfers to local hospitals for the Albany County Coroners Office. I have worked with all the current coroners and all of the past retired coroners throughout my 23-year relationship with the coroners office. I believe my years of experience would allow me to carry out the duties as coroner with professionalism, compassion, and integrity. I am currently enrolled in the Coroner Essential Investigative Procedures & Reporting Course in March.

I am seeking this appointment out of a desire to serve the residents of Albany County during some of the most difficult moments they may face. If appointed, I would work collaboratively with my fellow coroners and county officials to ensure transparency, accountability, and respectful treatment of every case.

Thank you for your consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with members of the Albany County Democratic Committee to participate in any interview process you deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas Pratt