



May 15, 2019

Commissioner Jim Beck
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Commissioner Beck:

Given the serious nature of your indictment, I respectfully request your resignation as Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Insurance. Your indictment severely undermines your ability to fulfill your official obligations to the people of Georgia.

Currently, you stand accused of thirty-eight counts of mail fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering in violation of federal law. Among other items, you are alleged to have defrauded the Georgia Underwriting Association (GUA) – an insurance association created under state law to provide high-risk policies to homeowners – when you served in a fiduciary capacity as GUA's elected General Manager of Operations.

Now, as Insurance Commissioner, you hold significant legal authority – including appointment powers – over GUA and its governing board. *See* O.C.G.A. § 33-33-1, *et seq.*; Ga. Underwriting Ass'n, Amended & Restated Articles of Ass'n §§ IV, V, VII, IX, X, XIII, XIV, XVI, and XVIII (Jan. 1, 2015). In light of this connection and the possibility of new revelations, it would be highly inappropriate for you to continue to hold public office. I ask that you do what is right for our state and step down immediately.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Kemp