

# Oklahoma State Senate

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Earlier today, I submitted my resignation, effective immediately, to the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate, as well as to Governor Fallin. I thank the constituents of Senate District 44 for the opportunity they provided to serve. Because I take that responsibility seriously, I recognize that the charges against me are a distraction to their interests and the remaining legislative session, which should serve all Oklahomans. My resignation is evidence of my respect for public service and the duties of our elected officials. I ask respect for the privacy of my family – my wife and four daughters – as I defend myself of these charges.

Ralph Shortey

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Shortey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.