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To my dear Patients/Friends,

I find this letter very difficult to write, but after thoughtful consideration, I have determined that this is the right time for me to retire from active practice. For 38 years I have had the honour and privilege of caring for the oral health of you, your extended family, friends and neighbors. These past 38 years have really flown by fast! I remember having conversations with many of you during appointments saying to some of the kids, "Who drove you today? Your Mom or Dad?" You said "I drove myself!" I also mentioned how I started seeing some of you as kids, and now I am seeing your kids. Wow this made me feel old, but extremely grateful at the same time.

I have been blessed to have worked with so many wonderful staff members, including my own kids, from 1987 to present day. Our present staff will continue in their role of providing friendly care and assistance in the same manner you have grown accustomed to.

I am leaving you all in caring competent hands with Dr. Theron Layer. Dr. Layer graduated from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in 2016. He is a family man with a wife, three kids and two dogs. He has practiced as an associate in New Lenox and has already established relationships with the area dental specialists. Knowing my patients are in good hands is a huge relief and certainly helps me to be comfortable over my retirement decision.

I thank you all again for all the wonderful interactions and memories, and for your continued trust and support.

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