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Dear Jochi,

It was with great regret and sadness that I took the decision I announced to you, the other members of the Board, and Eido Roshi last Wednesday: To leave Dai Bosatsu in order to help with the care of my daughter. I am sorry that this happened — especially sorry that it happened now, the worst possible time — but I could not remain at the monastery fully dedicated to the work there, given the change in Heather's situation.

I know that this action ~~is~~ — for whatever reason — is a great disappointment to you, the Roshi, and others who witnessed my ordination vows a year and a half ago. Indeed, it is obvious that some within the sangha see it as an unforgivable betrayal — and I do not have any feelings of resentment toward anyone who takes that view: It is certainly understandable.

In any case, it is clear that it would not be proper or possible for me to continue in a position ~~on~~ on the Board of Directors of the Zen Studies Society; and with this letter I am resigning that position,

effective immediately. Please know that I wish you and all members of the Board and of the sangha success as you try to guide the development of the Zen Studies Society, Shoboji and Dai Bosatsu. I imagine this will be an important and crucial year for all, as Eido Roshi redefines his role and his relationship to the two centers.

Take good care of yourself. Thank you for your cooperation and unstinting kindness toward me during the years of my residence and work at the monastery. Thank you also for your work and for your dedicated support of Eido Roshi and the Z.S.S.

Jassho,

Kashin