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Dear Stonewall Friends and Supporters,

As many of you know, I have been dealing with a major medical challenge that arose only weeks after starting last September as Stonewall's Executive Director. It has become clear to me in the last few weeks that it would be best for both Stonewall and for me to step down as Executive Director. This will allow the Stonewall community to build upon the forward momentum of the past year with new leadership focused on the Foundation's health and continued growth.

Earlier this month, we were fortunate to have Richard Burns fill in as the Interim Executive Director during my required medical leave. Richard has graciously agreed to continue in this capacity while the Board of Directors begins the search for a new Executive Director. Many of you know Richard as the former long-time director of The Center and, more recently, as the COO of the Arcus Foundation. Stonewall is in excellent hands under Richard's interim leadership.

Effective September 1, 2011, I will serve the Foundation by expanding the programmatic work of the Stonewall Institute as an externally-funded Senior Fellow. We are fortunate that a funder has stepped forward to support this new initiative and, thus, help strengthen the Institute's educational and leadership development work.

I'm very proud of the staff I was able to recruit - including a magnificent new development director, Rob Howland (robert.howland@stonewallfoundation.org), who started on Monday and will begin speaking with members of the Stonewall community very soon. Your generous support, our incredible staff and our dedicated Board have all combined efforts to generate new energy and momentum for Stonewall as a foundation committed to strengthening New York City's LGBTQ community. I ask that you continue to support Stonewall during this transitional time, both with your financial contributions and any personal contacts that might help our Board of Directors find a great new Executive Director.

I look forward to talking with as many of you as possible in the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Richard or Matthew Ryan, our Board President, with any questions. Your support of and faith in Stonewall and its potential during this last year has meant a great deal to me. I feel very fortunate, indeed, to continue my involvement with Stonewall in the coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula L. Ettelbrick".

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