MSKCC Letter of Resignation

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To:
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Dear Andrew & Ling,

It has been an excellent 4 years and 1 month at MSKCC. I do not think things could have gone any better. In my initial interview with Andrew, several things were touched upon. Andrew mentioned that he wanted at least 2 years from me, and promised in joining I would have a good career. I hope I have provided double the satisfaction, and I want to acknowledge that you both, truly, have played an oversized role in living up to that promise. In that same interview, I had also asked for 2 things in return: mentorship and impact. The only 2 things that matter, and both of which I received in spades. Mentorship is unquantifiable, as apparent and yet natural as air when sharing company with wise people. Impact, however, is tangible:

You would think impact is something felt by others, but what I learned is that it's actually felt deepest by the parties making it. Another lesson learned from that email is that even a barebones, imperfect implementation of something useful is worth putting out there.

I hope for all I received, I was able to reciprocate in full. After discussing with Nate & Ling, my last day on the team is Friday, May 9th. Thanks again!

Shaun