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Commerce Secretary John Bryson informed the department's employees Thursday that he has given the president a letter of resignation. "I have come to the conclusion that I need to step down to prevent distractions from this critical mission," Bryson said. Bryson had been on a medical leave of absence since June 11, following a seizure that resulted in his involvement in two car accidents.

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