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200,000 Federal Workers Resigned Last Year. A New Comic Book Asks Why.

ALEXANDRIA, VA—September 8, 2026—Bicycle Comics proudly announces *Count Me Out: The Best Federal Resignations of 2025*. The illustrated anthology showcases 25 resignation letters from government employees who chose to leave their jobs during the first year of the new Administration.

“Over 200,000 federal employees quit their jobs last year,” says Artie Moffa, who edited the new book. “You’d have to go back to the end of World War II to find a larger voluntary exodus from the federal workforce. This book explains why, in their own words.” The collection includes farewells from employees of 10 Cabinet departments and 6 non-Cabinet agencies.

The former employees whose writing appears in *Count Me Out* are eager to talk about their experiences. Six of them live in the D.C. Metro area, while others live across the U.S. and Europe. Bicycle Comics would be happy to help facilitate interviews to share their stories with local audiences.

Bicycle Comics received over 80 entries for the project, and the staff selected 25 letters to publish. Bicycle also commissioned comics artist Trevor Fraley to illustrate the departure of Kevin Heatley, the Superintendent of Crater Lake National Park in Oregon. Heatley wrote no letter—he resigned verbally to NPS after refusing to make staff work overtime to cover for budget cuts.

Other contributors include FTC Commissioner Alvaro Bedoya, Social Security CDO Chuck Borges, NIH Acting Director Jennifer Troyer, and DoJ Capitol Siege Deputy Chief Mike Romano. Letters appear in their entirety; Bicycle allowed minor edits for spelling and typos. Analysis from professors at Syracuse University, the University of Virginia, and the University of Miami concludes each chapter.

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Bicycle Comics is an independent publisher of comics and poetry located in Alexandria, Virginia. *Count Me Out* is their first non-fiction title.

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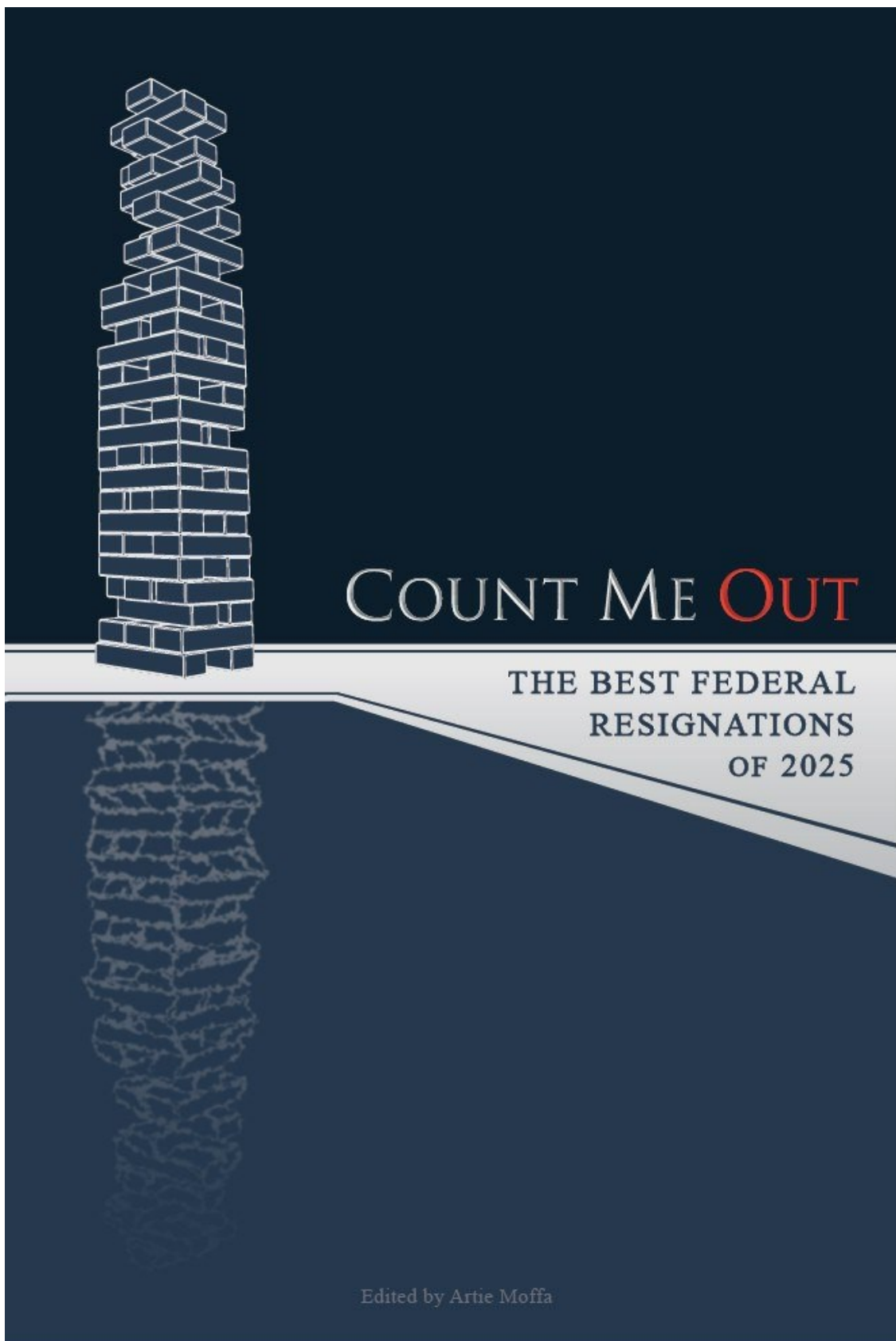


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