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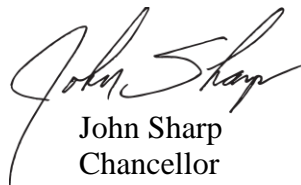
Chairman Cliff Thomas
Office of the Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System
1123 TAMU
College Station, Texas 77840

Dear Chairman Thomas:

There continues to be persistent rumors that my contract extension is being rushed to keep Governor Abbott's newest appointee to the board, Tim Leach, from voting on it. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. Tim is a dear friend and he has said publicly he is a supporter of the direction we are going. Nevertheless, it's no big deal to wait until the August board meeting to do this and I request you consider it then. I know you had hoped the regents would be confirmed by now, and that's why you set it for this date.

I am asking you to not consider my contract extension until the August board meeting to allow our new regent to participate. I realize you have the votes to do it now, but I think it's better to do so in August just to stop these goofy rumors someone has started.

Thanks,



John Sharp
Chancellor