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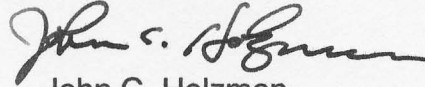
Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chairperson  
Committee on Higher Education  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Rm 218  
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Dear Senator Tokuda:

Thank you for your letter of April 3, 2009, concerning my nomination to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. I appreciate your willingness to expeditiously schedule a confirmation hearing on April 9, 2009, and I can assure you that I will be there. Attached are a bio-sketch providing relevant information on my background and three references who can speak to my abilities, character, and temperament. I will respond in writing to your questionnaire on April 8, 2009.

I would be very grateful if you could find time in your busy schedule to allow me to call you prior to the hearing on April 9. Your staff can reach me on my home phone at 808-988-3787, on my cell phone at 808-741-9131, or at this email address. I am emailing this letter to your staff and a hard copy follows by mail.

Sincerely,



John C. Holzman

Attachments: As Stated

John C. Holzman  
Prepared Responses to Questions for Board of Regents  
Hearing Before the Senate Committee on Higher Education  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Room 225  
April 9, 2009 at 1:15 PM

*What motivated you to apply to be a member of the Board of Regents and what skill sets and experience do you bring to the table that will help move the University forward?*

The Senior Citizen Visitor Program allowed me to audit courses in French literature and Hawaiian language and history on campus. To experience the nexus between teachers and students at the University is to understand that, at its heart, the University is a vibrant learning center and its future health is fundamental to our Island society. This realization motivated me to seek meaningful ways to serve this great institution and the larger community that supports it. This is my reason for applying for a position on the Board of Regents.

While international engagement is not mentioned in the 2008-15 Strategic Outcomes and Performance Measures, which focuses on the University's contributions to Hawai'i's future, it is one of the five strategic goals of the 2002-10 University Strategic Plan. The economies of the Asia-Pacific region will regain their dynamism as the global recession recedes in the years ahead. Intensified and broadened cooperation in the region, to include government and private business entities, as well as academic institutions, could well be of benefit to the University. My international background as a senior diplomat is directly relevant and could bring value added to the work of the Regents. Beyond the international sphere, my contribution would be the experience and judgment gained from a career as a senior public servant, as a leader and manager who led and cooperated with a range of partners, civilian and military, as an individual with a passion for higher education and life long learning, as a current University student, and as a retiree who is eager to contribute as much energy and time as necessary.

*What specific short and long term goals do you have for improving the University.*

The University should serve the needs of our state.

I endorse the Hawai'i P-20 Partnership for Education goal that 55 percent of our state's adult population will have a 2-year or 4-year degree by 2025.

I endorse the University's own goals in support of P-20, in particular its focus on helping Native Hawaiian realize their potential; its emphasis on science technology, engineering, and math; and its aim to educate students to fill expected areas of future shortage in Hawai'i's economy.

*As a Regent, what will be your top three priorities?*

1. If a President has not been selected by July 1, 2009, when my term would begin, to complete that process.
2. To support the new President as he guides the University through the current economic downturn and positions the University strategically to benefit from what will surely be a redefined state, national, and global economy.
3. To encourage an expansion in the University's international programs. This will strengthen the University as a learning and research center and result in additional revenues.

*In the coming months the Board of Regents will be called upon to select a new President. What will be the qualification that you consider most important? What do you feel are the most important duties of the President, and what kind of relationship should exist between the Board and the President?*

All the selection criteria approved by the Board of Regents last month are important, and I sincerely hope the next President will embody to some degree all of them. He or she will need all these qualities to succeed. However, the President is only one person and the University is a far flung system that employs thousands, educates thousands more, and affects the lives of virtually all the residents of all our Islands. A President with a keen judge of character will have chancellors, vice chancellors, and others who support, communicate, and implement his or her initiatives within and outside the University. A President with good listening and learning skills, and an open and curious mind, will keep the University in touch with its wider constituency, including the legislature. Lastly, the President should be a teacher and communicator who can explain the role of the University and mobilize support.

The President is the executive officer of the Board of Regents. The relationship between the two should be an open and freely flowing two-way street.

*We are currently faced with an unprecedented budget crisis. What ideas do you have for generating revenue for the University and how we approach any cuts that will have to be made within the budget?*

There are no easy short-term fixes, especially when the recession restricts the supply of funds while stimulating demand for education among those who cannot find work. Tuition is already scheduled to rise by more than 40 percent over the next three academic years, and so an additional increase is not a viable option. I understand that the Budgetary Working Group is actively scrubbing the numbers and looking for ways to bridge the gap between resources and expenditures. In the past I understand the University has applied across-the-board or formulaic cuts. The budget gap must be closed, and a clear and reasonable explanation should accompany each reduction, however difficult. Time is of the essence because the cuts will go into effect on July 1. The Board of Regents should carefully consider proposed cuts.

*How do you view the role of the system as it relates to the 10 campuses? Do you feel that the relationship as it exists now should be changed? How will you ensure equity of resources across all campuses?*

I support the trend towards greater academic autonomy for each of the System's campuses. Apart from academic autonomy, each campus is an important learning center and economic driver for its home community, and no campus should disproportionately bear the burden of budget cuts. To some degree the division of resources among campuses is dictated by the location of programs--a scientific education simply costs more than a liberal arts education. This fact should be taken into account when locating programs as the System expands. Formulaic cuts should not substitute for human judgment that takes into account the broader issues of the relationship between a campus and its community.

*What kind of relationship should exist between the University and the Legislature? More specifically, how would you view the relationship between the Board of Regents and the Legislature?*

The affairs of the University fall under the general management and control of the Board of Regents. The Board formulates policy and exercises control over the University through its executive officer, the President. The relationship between the University--including the Board--and the Legislature should be cordial, open, frank, and collaborative at all levels. As a practical matter, the President and his or her professional staff will conduct most interactions between the University and the Legislature.

*Do you have any real or perceived conflicts of interest to disclose?*

No.



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April 8, 2009

Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair, Committee on Higher Education

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing to support Ambassador John Holzman's nomination to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. Ambassador Holzman was a Foreign Service colleague for many years. He had a distinguished career serving as U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh and Foreign Policy Advisor to both the commanders of U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Central Command. He played a key role in opening the U.S. Embassy in Iraq and served as Chargè and Deputy Chief of Mission in our Embassy in Pakistan.

Since I retired in 1996 I have been Foreign Policy Advisor and Professor at the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) in Waikiki. APCSS is a Department of Defense funded regional studies center specializing in executive education and leadership development. We have more than 4,400 civilian and military graduates from throughout the Asia-Pacific region and the United States.

Ambassador Holzman has played a significant role in the educational work of our Center for several years. He has served as guest lecturer, mentor for participants in a wide variety of security simulations, and a subject matter expert on civil military relations, South Asia, and Africa. He is deeply dedicated to higher education and he is also deeply respected by our participants and my faculty colleagues.

If confirmed, Ambassador Holzman will bring an important international dimension to the Board of Regents. In a globalized world in which Hawaii has an increasingly important role to play because of its unique multicultural heritage, Ambassador Holzman's vast experience and knowledge will significantly enhance the Regents' deliberations and decision making.

Sincerely,

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Charles B. Salmon, Jr.  
Ambassador (Ret)



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April 4, 2009

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Committee on Higher Education  
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Dear Senator Tokuda,

I am pleased to recommend Ambassador John C. Holzman as an excellent candidate for the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents. Ambassador Holzman's vast experience and leadership in the Foreign Service, combined with his intelligence and low-key approach to addressing and resolving conflicts, are key qualities that make him the perfect addition to the Board.

I have known Ambassador Holzman for the past few years in his capacity as a volunteer mediator for The Mediation Center of the Pacific. Over those years, he has selflessly donated hundreds of hours of his time in assisting members of Oahu's communities, particularly those in the low-income population, in resolving a broad variety of disputes involving civil rights matters, divorce and paternity issues, neighbors, co-workers, and more. Always calm and insightful, Ambassador Holman skillfully guides the mediation participants through the process, helping them to talk and reach their own solutions.

Ambassador Holzman has a natural talent for helping people resolve challenging issues of all types. However, he continually strives to improve his skills by participating in trainings and workshops every chance he has. Never one to impose his ideas or knowledge on anyone, he maintains a modest disposition, listening carefully to the ideas and recommendations of others, continually learning and refining his already polished skills.

Ambassador Holzman is dedicated to doing the best job he can in whatever he does. When involved with a new organization or group, he listens carefully, learns as much as he can and then gathers information before making recommendations. For example, Ambassador Holzman recently observed that many of the divorcing couples he was assisting in mediation at the Mediation Center were experiencing such serious financial challenges they had more debt than assets to divide. He took it upon himself to research options that were available in the community to assist these couples. Once he had gathered the information, he contacted me as the Executive Director of the Mediation Center, to suggest that it might be helpful for our clients if a workshop was conducted for all of the mediators to provide them with more information about the available resources and how to access those resources. Thanks to his initiative, I was able to quickly coordinate a workshop for the mediators to learn how to better assist divorcing couples in the current economic storm.

I strongly encourage you to approve Ambassador Holzman's nomination to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents. In my experience, he is a quiet, committed leader who brings a multitude of talents that will enhance the effectiveness of the Board and the University of Hawai'i. He is not only intelligent and talented, he is also hard working and passionate about helping Hawaii's people and making Hawai'i an even better place to live.

Sincerely,


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Tracey S. Wiltgen  
Executive Director



Hearing date:  
**Thursday, April  
9, 2009, 1:15 pm**  
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Education  
Committee, Room  
225

To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

From: Elisabeth Chun, Executive Director   
Good Beginnings Alliance

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2009, 1:15 p.m.

Subject: **Nomination of John C. Holzman, University of Hawaii Board of Regents**

**With great pleasure, I strongly support the nomination of John C. Holzman to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.**

I have known John Holzman for over 8 years. I believe him to be an excellent addition to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. As a professional raised and educated in Hawaii then returning to our islands following a distinguished career in the foreign service with placements from Pakistan, Iraq, India, Cameroon, to the Netherlands, John Holzman offers Hawaii a wealth of knowledge to benefit the University of Hawaii system.

As a member of Hawaii's P-20 Leadership, I am increasingly aware of the issues and opportunities facing Hawaii's full educational continuum as we strive to improve student educational outcomes. Quality education settings from early learning through higher education are inter-dependent and necessary for Hawaii's future growth and sustainability. The hope is that University of Hawaii graduates will successfully compete in the world market and also contribute to the sustainability of our economy.

John Holzman is a successful product of Hawaii's public school system and also a father whose children have educational experiences in Hawaii as well as internationally. His awareness of international issues and yet roots in our islands will be a great asset.

University of Hawaii leaders who grasp the role this system plays both within Hawaii and internationally are invaluable. I believe that John Holzman can both appreciate the critical educational and research roles the Hawaii's University System plays today as well as envision how this might best be expanded for the future.

Through conversations with Mr. Holzman, I observe him to be a critical thinker who will bring leadership and management skills to his role as a regent. A review of his resume, also leads me to believe he will offer a plethora of valuable experiences to the Board of Regents' discussions and decision-making.

I urge your support for John Holzman's nomination.

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April 7, 2009

### **A Letter of Recommendation for John Holzman**

I first met John Holzman when his daughter Alexandra became a student at La Pietra about six years ago. John and his wife Kim chose La Pietra for the kind of education it would offer Alexandra--academic challenge, support, encouragement, individual attention, and the nurturing of responsibility and independence. While she was here, I got to know the family better. Hawaii born and raised, John became a diplomat with the U.S. Foreign Service, serving his country in far-flung countries in Africa, the Middle East and Europe. In my contact with him, I found him to be a very knowledgeable individual who thought before he spoke and could see and respect the different sides of a situation or issue. An excellent listener, he did not jump to conclusions before hearing all the facts. Once he had the facts, he did not hesitate to make a decision.

La Pietra was fortunate to have John volunteer as a speaker on the condition of girls and young women in Afghanistan, where he had recently served. His audience was spellbound by his account of the medieval conditions endured by girls the ages of our students. Denied the most basic of human rights, considered inferior to males, they live lives of deprivation without hope of achieving the simplest of goals. Our students took from John's talk an appreciation of their own good fortune and the desire to help those less fortunate than themselves.

After his retirement, John eagerly pursued studies at UH-Manoa. He immersed himself in Hawaiian history and French, which he had never had the opportunity to explore during his demanding career. At UH-Manoa, he found ample food to satisfy his hunger to learn. As he studied, he became impressed by his professors, whom he found highly committed, competent and intelligent. Given his own firsthand experience, he found that he could no longer sit by and ignore criticism of the university as a second rate institution. He now wants to do more to support and extend the excellence of UH-Manoa. He seeks to make his voice heard as a member of the UH Board of Trustees.

I cannot think of a better choice to be a trustee. John has his roots in Hawaii and the broad experience needed by a trustee of so important a Hawaii institution. I have confidence in his ability to make the thoughtful decisions which will insure further success of the university in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I hope to see his name among those of the new trustees.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Man".

Margaret M. Man  
Academic Dean/ College Counselor

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April 7, 2009

Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair, Committee on Higher Education  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218  
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Dear Senator Tokuda:

**Re: Nomination of John C. Holzman to the UH Board of Regents**

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the nomination of Ambassador John C. Holzman (Retired) to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Ambassador Holzman for close to eight years and can attest to his personal qualifications that will serve him well as a regent. He is personable, very intelligent, widely-read, even tempered, scholarly, and biased toward thoughtful decision making. More importantly, he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the international and diplomatic scene that will serve UH well. His career in the Foreign Service in such far-flung areas as Iraq, Pakistan, Ghana, India, Cameroon, the Netherlands, and Guinea, and the high level of international diplomacy that he was involved in is just the type of resource from which UH will benefit.

UH is positioned strategically to be an important participant in the international relations of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The role that East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Africa play in U.S. foreign policy will likely increase in importance and having a regent versed in these areas will definitely be an asset as UH responds as a university that will be a major player in preparing citizens of the future.

Ambassador Holzman's *vita* reads like the protagonist of an international mystery novel. But he is the real thing. A person with his background will be a real feather in UH's cap. His abiding interest in how universities should take assertive roles in being repositories of accurate and thoughtful information about world events will undoubtedly provide the guidance needed at this great university situated between East and West.

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On a personal note, I have a very real interest in the direction that the University takes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; I have an advanced degree from UH and have worked for the Department of Education for over 38 years as a teacher and administrator (I have been a principal, and currently am an Assistant Superintendent). Therefore, the success of the only major university in Hawaii to which public school graduates matriculate is of great interest to me. John Holzman, like me, is a Kalani High School graduate, and his commitment to the students of Hawaii as well as his incomparable career experiences will add immeasurably to the quality of the University of Hawaii learning experience.

Thank you for your consideration of Ambassador John C. Holzman to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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Peter Chun

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Honolulu, 5 April 2009

Dear Senator Tokuda:

It is my privilege to provide a few lines of recommendation for John C. Holzman, candidate for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai`i. I understand the Committee on Higher Education is due to meet in just a few days, so I am sending my letter both as hard copy, signed, and in email format, for your consideration.

As a professor of French at UH Mānoa since 1991, I have had the pleasure of working with a wide variety of students over the years. John Holzman studied both modern French grammar (Fall 2006, Spring 2007) and historical French grammar (Fall 2007) with me, the latter a graduate course. Mr. Holzman is surely the finest “non-traditional” student I’ve ever worked with, utterly dedicated to his studies in the French language and its history (not just to French literature, as he claims in his biosketch!), and a great asset to the students in the classes he attended. Particularly in the graduate seminar, he was able to share his expertise in world affairs and his experience of political and cultural realities in French-speaking parts of the world – to the great benefit of his fellow students.

I cannot imagine a finer, more appropriate candidate for the Board of Regents than Mr. Holzman, an experienced statesman who has served his country with distinction, a recent student at the university who can judge its strengths and its needs from the inside out – and a committed resident of this state who, as he tells me, hopes now to serve UHM and the larger community in a meaningful way.

I urge your committee to consider very carefully his candidacy. He has my unqualified support.

Sincerely,

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Comments:  
Aloha:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend John Holzman to be a member of the UH Board of Regents. John was a student in my Hawaiian Language class. We met in June 2008. Throughout the duration of this short time period, I have gotten to know him better in and outside the walls of the class.

As a student in my Hawaiian Language class, John appealed to me the most amongst the other students. He sat in the front row of the class, always punctual and eager to learn. Although John was older than all of the students, and me, he portrayed very personable and likeable attributes. His smile and cheery personality always brightened the spirits of the class.

John would definitely be a benefit to any organization. He is always willing to offer a helping hand. During the duration of that summer session, we would go to the lo'i kalo (taro patch) to work every Friday. The students were each given a portion of the lo'i kalo to take care of. I always noticed that when John was finished with his responsibilities he would always check to see if he could lend a hand to a fellow classmate.

These are some of the reasons that I believe John is a well deserving candidate. If you have any questions regarding John's academic or personal qualifications, please feel free to contact me at 808-956-5164 or by e-mail: [mkwong@hawaii.edu](mailto:mkwong@hawaii.edu). Mahalo nui loa! Thanks very much!

April 6, 2009

I have known John Holzman for 40 years. I have enjoyed his friendship and I have loved knowing his family. What struck me when I first met John was that he had such a wide variety of interests. He could talk about many topics with a good depth of understanding. New things and new ideas intrigued him and he asked questions and researched to find out more details.

His curiosity continued to be tweaked as his US State Department job took him to many foreign countries and he immersed himself in their many cultures. What a treat to hear him talk about all of the different customs.

John and I have often discussed educational issues. When his daughters were young, he was actively involved in their schooling. He believed passionately that there should be high standards in every level of the educational process and he continues to feel that passion today.

I had the privilege to attend the 2001 Pacific Symposium in Honolulu, where he delivered his paper, "A South Asian Peace Process". The panel was made up of representatives from all over Southern Asia. During the formal discussion, which was, at times, heated, John remained calm and diplomatic. It was a pleasure to listen to him explain his reasoning.

It is this cool handling of problems, issues and people that makes me certain John Holzman will be an outstanding member of the UH Board of Regents.

Senate Committee on Higher Education (HRE)  
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair  
Committee Members: Senators: Baker, Kokubun, Taniguchi, Takamine and Slom

April 7, 2009

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Testifier Position: Strong Support for **John C. Holzman**  
Board of Regents, University of Hawaii

Senators and Committee Members,

I consider it an honor and a privilege to support the confirmation of John C. Holzman to the Board of Regents at the University of Hawaii. As a recipient of two degrees from UH Manoa, I have regularly supported the school and have watched the growth in the school—growth in prestige as well as size. Because of my continued interest in my alma mater, I am thrilled to be recommending confirmation of a nominee to the Board of Regents.

John Holzman is my neighbor—his family live two houses from mine. Because of that close proximity, I have gotten to know him quite well, especially since we are often walking our dogs at the same time. He and his family are responsible citizens who truly care about making Hawaii a better place to live. He has frequently expressed an interest in the University and often encouraged me to join him in taking classes there. I find him extremely well-read and knowledgeable of world affairs. Still, it wasn't until I looked at his resume that I really became impressed with his career and experiences in the international community. I am sure that, as a committee, you were similarly impressed.

As the university continues to be proud of its diverse student population and international focus, I cannot imagine anyone more suitable to participate in its leadership. To top it all off, John has worked in a variety of economic and financial positions. Without hesitation, I strongly support the confirmation of **John C. Holzman** to the Board of Regents, and I recommend that all of you do likewise. Thank you for the opportunity to make this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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Comments:

We heartily recommend the appointment of Ambassador John Holzman to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Amb. Holzman's story is that of a "local boy makes good" and then comes home to continue his service to the community. After growing up and graduating from high school here, Amb. Holzman went out to see the wide world. That has given him a breadth of experience that he would bring to the Board of Regents in its deliberations about education in the university. In his distinguished career as a diplomat, he has served in or worked on contemporary issues in South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and Washington DC. Moreover, he has served at a senior level in the Pacific Command here and in the Central Command in Tampa and Baghdad, which has added to the breadth of his experience. And he has been a senior fellow at the National Defense University in Washington, which has given him experience in higher education.

As a diplomat, Amb. Holzman has been an articulate and logical advocate of American foreign policy and a negotiator of great ability, skills that he would bring to the Board. He conducts himself with complete civility as might be expected of a diplomat who has dealt with everyone from tribal chiefs in Afghanistan to bureaucrats in Washington. Further, as an ambassador and before that as a deputy chief of mission, he has acquired managerial skills that would stand the Board in good stead.

After returning to Honolulu, Amb. Holzman has sought to reconnect with the community by joining the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, by serving as a mediator at the Mediation Center of the Pacific, and by drawing on his broad experience to contribute to civic organizations. He has been delving into Hawaiian history and has even written carefully argued letters to the editor on local issues. Personally, we have known the ambassador and his wife, Kim, ever since they returned to Honolulu and have found them engaging, congenial, and just plain fun to be with.

Therefore, without any reservation, we would be pleased to see the Board of Regents at the university clearly strengthened by the presence of Ambassador Holzman. For reference, we are writers here in Honolulu; Fumiko serves on the boards of the PAAC and Friends of the East-West Center while Richard writes a column, "The Rising East," in the Honolulu Advertiser.

Respectfully submitted,

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Comments:  
Dear Senator Tokuda -

Please accept my endorsement and wholehearted support of Ambassador John Holzman's nomination for a position as a UH regent. I can think of no one better qualified to champion all the communities UH embraces.

John Holzman's record of service to our country speaks for itself. His record of service to our State is less appreciated. John's volunteer efforts, quiet contributions and extensive network of acolytes - myself included - have consistently worked to make Hawaii a better home, destination and regional resource. I am convinced John will do the same as a UH Regent.

I would greatly appreciate your support of his nomination and would welcome any questions you might have. Additionally, I would be happy to document the broad based support he enjoys if you so desire.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any additional assistance and thank you for your efforts to make our State's University a stronger institution.

Respectfully,

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