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The Honorable Carol Alvarado  
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The Honorable Dan Flynn  
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Re: Regent Wallace L. Hall, Jr.

Dear Co-Chairs Alvarado and Flynn:

On behalf of University of Texas System Regent Wallace L. Hall, Jr., I would like to request that you provide us with a copy of the draft report that was delivered on April 4 by counsel Rusty Hardin to the House Select Committee on Transparency in State Agency Operations.

The *Houston Chronicle* report yesterday (“Report: UT regent abused office, may have violated law”) leads us to conclude the committee is not serious about its mission, and instead is engaged in a campaign to influence public impressions of Regent Hall for political purposes. Specifically, the committee failed to treat the draft report as an official work product that should be carefully reviewed before dissemination. The committee appears either to have authorized selective dissemination of the draft report to deflect attention from its failures, or cannot control its own processes.

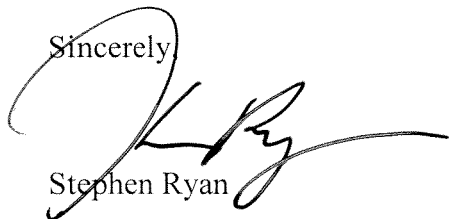
This reinforces the increasingly clear public perception that the committee investigation was not intended to uncover and has not found any actual abuse of office. Rather, it is a mechanism intended to chill the Regents from performing their sworn duties, including to improve the UT System in ways that may undermine privileges by select groups. It is also intended to stop efforts led by Regent Hall to bring specific abuses to light and permit specific individuals to be held accountable.

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Regent Hall will not be dissuaded from carrying out his obligations as a Regent. This includes guiding the UT System to make its institutions more affordable, accessible, and accountable, improving educational quality, and ensuring all UT System processes are more transparent.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Ryan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Ryan

cc: Allan Van Fleet, Esq.  
Anne Marie Turner, Esq