



The Senate of The State of Texas

March 26, 2013

Mr. William Eugene "Gene" Powell
Chair, UT System Board of Regents
Members of the UT System Board of Regents
201 West 7th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Chairman Powell and Regents:

We have deep concerns about the Board of Regents' decision to needlessly engage in yet another investigation relating to The University of Texas Law School Foundation. This duplicative review, which targets The University of Texas at Austin for the obvious purpose of attempting to discredit its president, will be the fourth review of this matter.

If you insist on pursuing this unnecessary probe, we urge and advise you to use the Texas Attorney General's Office. As you know, that office is independent, has extensive investigative experience, unique expertise in the field of private foundations, and the resources to handle this matter at no additional expense to the taxpayers.

The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Higher Education Governance, Excellence, and Transparency looks forward to addressing your concerns and those of others who are interested in higher education in general and in The University of Texas at Austin in particular. Through a public, fair, and transparent process we can collaborate to resolve any issues related to our jurisdiction, including the UT Law School Foundation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We look forward to your reply

Very truly yours,

cc: Francisco G. Cigarroa, M.D., Chancellor