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**Branstetter, Jennifer**

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**To:** Branstetter, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Board

I am an alumna of Penn State, 1991 HR&IM, and a lifetime member of the Alumni Association. The time that I spent at Penn State was absolutely some of the best years of my life. I am proud of the education I received, and I am very loyal to the University. I have a large portion of my basement decorated as the "Penn State" room.

I was always an admirer of Joe Paterno. I was not that much into sports, although I love a good football game. But that was while I was there. I could probably count on one hand how many Penn State football games I have watched over the last 5 years.

I am writing due to the situation that has occurred in November regarding the Jerry Sandusky abuse. I believe that you, and all the members of the board, must be educated people. I believe you must be principled people, and that you are looking out for the University's best interests. However, you have all proven me wrong.

What has come out since the scandal broke has been appalling. You have terminated a 61 year employee, who has done more good for the University than anyone else, over the phone. You ignored briefings month's ago that there was an investigation. You could not think to even ask a question? You can't get your stories straight today, and you are in hiding.

As much as I am appalled out how the board has tried to stay out of the spotlight in the past, it was probably for the best. I believe that it is always best to remain silent unless you are smart. If you are silent, most people will think you are smart until you prove them wrong. The interviews and the nonsense that I have seen out of the board over the last 3 weeks has been nothing short of ignorant.

have one piece of advice for you. Please resign. Now. I am so enraged at your actions and inactions at handling this scandal, and the pure ignorant nonsense that has come out of the mouths of the board members, that I will do all in my power to ensure that all elected alumni members are replaced, and the rest of the board is forced to be reorganized to a more functional body. THAT is what is in the University's best interest.

It is truly a shame that someone who had done so much for Penn State had to die with the cloud over him that the board created. He did not do it. People over him, including the board, did not do their jobs. Yet he is the one that took the blame. And the board has put themselves in such a poor position that you could not even attend Paterno's memorial service. I hope that if you have any shred of human decency that you feel bad about this.

Resign now. Please do us all a favor. Show that you have some moral dignity. We will respect you more if you do so.

Thank you. Resign now.

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