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**Branstetter, Jennifer**

**From:** Lanny J. Davis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 9:40 AM  
**To:** Allan, Richard; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Tomalis, Ronald; Greig, George (AGR); Branstetter, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Re: Opinion Piece

Thank you Mr. Allan--

I have added President Erickson to the list above.

I am scheduled to talk to the governor at 1 pm.

FYI - the op ed piece is identical in words to the longer Report of the Board, except addressing only the Coach Paterno decision, with a final quote from Ken Frasier; and is intended to be available to be read by the larger community beyond the one to which the Report is targeted (just Penn State students, faculty, and alumni etc lists) for reputation and brand purposes -- aimed, for example, at community of potential applicants, faculty and administration applicants, and others in public adversely affected, in impressions of Penn State to date.

The op ed is planned to be sent for publication only in the Centre Daily Times and the Daily Collegian.

Regards,

Lanny

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**Sent:** Mon Feb 27 08:29:00 2012  
**Subject:** Opinion Piece

Lanny

I am concerned that we are late in expressing our decision of Coach Paterno's release  
And that this communication may reignite the harsh criticism of the actions taken by the Trustees.  
After consideration of the potential fallout, I cannot support the release of Opinion Piece. Thanks  
Rick Allan

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PLEASE NOTE: As of Friday, July 29th, the commonwealth will be adding @pa.gov as the primary email domain for all state employees. My email address will be changing to [REDACTED]