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**From:** Ammerman, Paula [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Communication from Chairman Peetz to Mr. Mazzoni  
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**TO:** Members of the Board of Trustees

We believe that all trustees received a copy of a communication from Paul R. Mazzoni dated June 4. A copy of Chairman Peetz' response to Mr. Mazzoni is attached for your information.

Thank you.

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Dear Mr. Mazzone:

Thank you for your recent letter addressing the legacy of Coach Paterno. The Board of Trustees is committed to addressing all correspondence, and we respect the right of all those tied to the Penn State community to state their opinions on matters affecting the University.

First and foremost, we recognize the great legacy of Coach Paterno in making his football program a model for academic as well as athletic performance—and for his generous support of Penn State throughout the years.

For all of us who serve on the Board of Trustees, our greatest priority is maintaining Penn State's long-standing qualities of integrity, responsibility, service to the community and excellence in academics. Our decision to remove Coach Paterno was guided by our obligation to put the interests of the University first.

At this time, it is important to note that we will wait to acknowledge Joe Paterno until after Judge Freeh completes his independent investigation, and his group's results and recommendations are released.

The Board of Trustees is committed to open communication and ongoing dialogue with the entire Penn State community, and we will keep you informed of new developments. We appreciate your letter—and thank you again for your thoughts and perspective.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Karen B. Peetz  
Chairman

cc: Members of the Board of Trustees