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Mr. James Huffines
Chair, Board of Regents
The University of Texas System
201 W. 7th
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Chairman Huffines:

First of all, congratulations on your appointment as Chair of the Board of Regents. As an alumnus of The School of Law and the L.B.J. School of Public Affairs, I am proud that The U.T. Health Science Center at Houston and The U.T. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center are in my district and provide some of the finest health care and medical education in the world.

I am pleased that The University of Texas System has taken its first formal step in a possible bid on the management contract for Los Alamos National Laboratory. The possibility of system institutions having increased access to Los Alamos' research and development programs, and the educational and research opportunities presented by managing such a prestigious laboratory, make worthwhile your efforts to investigate the possibility.

I encourage you and the Board of Regents to continue to evaluate the pros and cons of managing Los Alamos. I am sure that the board will make its ultimate determination based on what it determines to be in the best interests of the system and its educational and research missions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney Ellis".

Rodney Ellis

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