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**From the Office of State Representative
Timothy Barhorst
State Representative
Ohio House of Representatives**

March 9th, 2026

The Ohio State Board of Trustees
15 East 15th Avenue, 5th Floor
Columbus, OH 43201

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees,

As you undertake the important responsibility of selecting the next president of the Ohio State University, I and members of the Ohio House of Representatives write to share our strong support for Lieutenant Governor Jim Tressel for this role.

Throughout his distinguished career in higher education and public service, Lt. Governor Tressel has demonstrated exceptional leadership, integrity, and a deep commitment to the success of Ohio's students and communities. His experience leading major institutions, working collaboratively with stakeholders across the state, and representing Ohio with professionals makes him uniquely qualified to guide one of the nation's premier public universities.

As former president of Youngstown State University and head football coach at The Ohio State University, he has already shown a deep understating of the university's culture and mission. In his current role as Lieutenant Governor, he continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to education, workforce development, and the future of our state.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration during this important selection process. We respectfully ask for your full and fair consideration Lt. Governor Tressel as you evaluate candidates for the next president of The Ohio State University. It is time for a true Ohioan & Buckeye to lead.

Sincerely,



State Representative Timothy N. Barhorst
Ohio House District 85



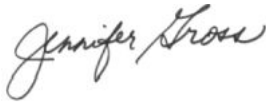
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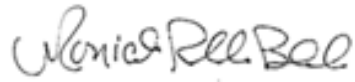
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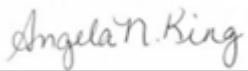
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