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Dear Dr. Appleberry:

I have received the application information concerning the process currently being undertaken to hire a chancellor for The Ohio Board of Regents. In response to the requirement that I provide reasons which I believe are germane as to my qualifications to serve in the position of chancellor, I offer the following:

1. My educational background, which includes a terminal degree in education, is adequate and sufficient in order to fill and hold the position.
2. My professional career has been almost entirely devoted to the field of education.
3. My experiences have been eclectic, as can be seen by my curriculum vitae, and are more particularly set forth hereinafter.
4. My teaching experiences have been at both the K-12 and college levels.
5. My mid-level educational experience includes service as Assistant Dean of Students at the college level.
6. My experience at the political level includes service as second in command in the Louisiana Division of Administration, the executive department in charge of the administration of the entirety of state government, which necessarily included intense communication with the legislative branch of government.
7. My service as Commissioner of Higher Education of the Louisiana Board of Regents afforded me the opportunity to participate in setting the course for all of higher education in Louisiana.
8. My service as Secretary of Education in the Office of the Governor required me to focus entirely on the formulation and administration of state educational policy, together with coordination and funding of such policy through interaction with the legislative branch of government.
9. My tenure as President of Southeastern Louisiana University was at the time during which the university was the fastest growing university in Louisiana, with the normal budget crises attendant thereto, a position which I held for six years and which afforded me the experience necessary to completely understand the complexities of administering a dynamic and growing university. This experience was also a tremendous asset to me in my next work experience, that of President of

the University of Louisiana System, a system which includes eight universities with over 80,000 students, as it afforded me the ability to understand the inevitable problems from the point of view of the head of a university and not only from the view of the system. This experience was of great benefit in achieving a good understanding of the workings of an educational system on the part of the members of the governing board of the system.

10. I have held my current position, President of the University of Louisiana System, described above, since mid 2001, and it is apparently somewhat similar to that of Chancellor of The Ohio Board of Regents. As President, I am required to work closely with the legislative and executive branches of government in order to assure proper funding for the system and its complement of universities, as well as to innovate progressive changes in higher education.
11. I have been very active in several national organizations and thus have gained knowledge and experience as to the administration of other state higher education systems, as well as colleges and universities. I have achieved a network of colleagues with whom I share problems and experiences in an effort to constantly improve the delivery of a better higher education product to the public.

All of the foregoing is more particularly set forth in my curriculum vitae which has been submitted under a separate cover letter.

Very Truly Yours,



Sally Clausen