



The **Courage** to Question Convention.  
The **Passion** to Break New Ground.  
The **Insight** to Champion Community.  
The **Imagination** to Pursue the Undiscovered.  
The **Will** to Achieve Greatness.  
The **Promise** of a Limitless Future.  
The **People** to Bring It to Life.  
**It's Happening Here.**

June 16, 2016

Personal and Confidential

The Honorable Matt Bevin  
Governor  
700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Governor Bevin:

I appreciated our recent conversation. As a result, I am writing to reaffirm what we discussed:

1. The University of Louisville is absolutely critical to the health and economic and social wellbeing of our community and state;
2. For Kentucky to grow and prosper as a state, it is important for Louisville to be successful as a community; for Louisville to prosper it needs a great research university.
3. As I said to you, the members of a restructured Board compliant with state law should have the opportunity for a "fresh start."

As a result, upon a legal restructure of the Board of Trustees at the University of Louisville, I will immediately offer, to the newly appointed board, my resignation/retirement as President of the University of Louisville.

Again, I thank you for your support and commitment to addressing difficult issues that are important to moving our state forward.

Sincerely,

James R. Ramsey  
President