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To the Gallaudet University Board of Trustees, Administration, Supporters, and Interested Persons

October 18, 2006

The Ohio Association of the Deaf reaffirms our position supporting NAD's continuing appeal as stated in our May 11, 2006 letter.

We are deeply concerned about the absence of Board of Trustees in exercising its fiduciary role to reflect the collective interest of Gallaudet as a whole. Given how deep this crisis has escalated, we are shocked, saddened and in disbelief.

It is glaringly obvious that leadership under the new selection will not succeed; thus, the only solution at this point is to give Gallaudet leadership that will work.

Thank you.

The Ohio Association of the Deaf Board Members and OAD Members

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Copy of our earlier letter from last May....

Ohio Association of the Deaf (OAD)

May 11, 2006

Board of Trustees, Gallaudet University

The Ohio Association of the Deaf would like to make a brief statement that we join NAD's direct appeal for an immediate resolution to the crisis at Gallaudet University. We have grave concern for the future of Gallaudet as well as its potential repercussions upon the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people as a whole. We find the act of manipulating the media by Gallaudet's officials repugnant. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing community have worked very hard for many years to eradicate misconceptions and ignorance of the media and the general public. These misrepresentations were deliberately misled. We feel strongly that these measures are undoing all the hard work that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community have done. If this crisis continues, the repercussions will be felt for years to come. The Board of Trustees is in the position to act more decisively and to take the leadership to the next level, including making necessary changes.

Thank you,

Ohio Association of the Deaf Board Members and OAD Members