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Dear President Drake and Chairman Wadsworth:

Please allow us to introduce ourselves. We are Alexandra Clark ("Joobs"), Jeanette Town ("Tiggles"), Victoria Nolte ("Tulsa"), Lindsay Barrie ("ERV") and Jocelyn Smallwood ("Donk"). We write concerning the university's investigation into the culture of the Ohio State University Marching Band, of which we are proud alumni.

As you undoubtedly know, the investigative report, apparently prepared by Chris Glaros, described our nicknames as salacious and offensive. You should also know that we have made public statements indicating that our nicknames are completely inoffensive to us, were given in fun, and we embraced them in that spirit. Mr. Glaros would have known that had he bothered to ask about our feelings before including our names in his unwarranted and, yes, offensive report.

We did not feel objectified, sexualized or sexually harassed until we read about ourselves in the Glaros report. For the first time, the report turns what has always been a high point in our lives into something the public sees as shameful and dirty. Furthermore, the report's description bears almost no resemblance to the band's actual culture, which is one of excellence, hard work, mutual respect and concern for one another. If the culture were as Mr. Glaros described, the band could not possibly have presented the complex halftime shows that Buckeye fans have come to expect week in and week out, and which require 225 band members to think and march as if they were one person.

The report made us victims, not of anything done by band members or the directing staff, but of Mr. Glaros's indifference to the truth, our opinions, and

our feelings. We are now, for the first time, subjected to offensive comments about our character and physical appearance on Internet comment boards, Twitter, and other social media.

We recognize, President Drake, that you had the misfortune to be presented with the Glaros report after only two weeks at the helm of a major university, and, due to the time sensitive nature of the investigation, were asked to act on it instantly. In that sense, you, too, are one of its victims. You were entitled to expect a competent, truthful report on which you could rely without question. Unfortunately, it has been made abundantly clear that you received quite the opposite.

We have been very disappointed that despite our public statements, no one from this great university has contacted us to apologize, seek our views, address our concerns, or simply discuss the situation. Accordingly, we request a meeting with you at the earliest possible opportunity. You will find us to be constructive and willing to work directly with you to implement a just and proportionate response to the current situation. However, we are determined to do whatever is necessary to reclaim our voice and redeem not only our own reputation, but that of every current and former band member impacted by this report.

We believe such a meeting is essential because of the shadow the Glaros report has cast over us, the band and alumni, to say nothing of Jonathan Waters. You have stated that the university was on a strict timetable in issuing its report. Therefore, you should attach equal urgency to repairing the damage it has caused through its incompetence and inaccuracy, and we ask that you or your staff contact us immediately to arrange for a personal meeting to take place no later than August 22, 2014.

Due to the nature of the report, the widespread attention it has received, and our personal feelings regarding the gross inaccuracies within it, we believe that it is paramount that our story receive the equal care and attention it should have been afforded from the beginning. With that goal in mind, we have taken the liberty of forwarding copies of our letter to the media. We hope you understand this was not done as an attack, but to ensure that the true character of the band is known and appreciated.

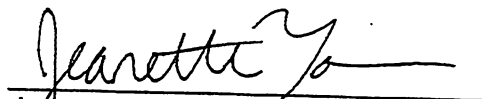
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We look forward to your response, and to a cordial and productive discussion. For all that has happened, OSU is still our university, and we want it, and you, to succeed.

Respectfully and sincerely,



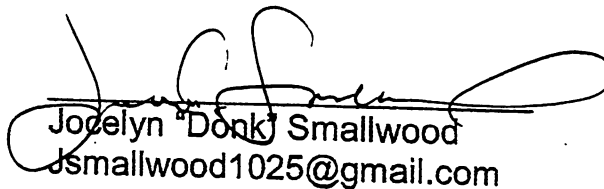
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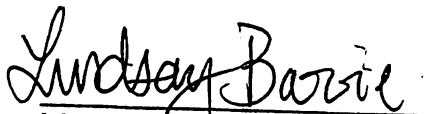
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