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Chairlady Theresa Braswell  
Lincoln University Board of Trustees  
1570 Baltimore Pike  
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July 9, 2020

Dear Chairlady Braswell –

This past January, the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives appointed three Trustees to the Board of Lincoln University. It has come to my attention that, fully six months later, these appointees have not been notified of Board meetings, and have been unable to participate in any manner whatsoever in the governance of the University.

I am deeply concerned about this situation, and my concern is shared by many. At best, it is extremely troubling oversight; at worst, it invites unflattering speculation as to the practices of the Board. Without question, it brings into question any decision made by the Board since January, as duly appointed Board members were unable to participate or vote on matters under consideration.

As a former member of the Board of Trustees of the University, and a tireless advocate for the institution as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I am asking you to immediately rectify this situation. I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards -

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Lawrence".

John Lawrence  
State Representative  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Cc: The Honorable Bryan Cutler, Speaker, Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
The Honorable Cherelle Parker, Majority Leader, Philadelphia City Council  
The Honorable Stan Saylor, Appropriations Chairman, Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
The Honorable Andrew Dinniman, Education Committee Chairman, Pennsylvania State Senate