

June 18, 2017

Dear President Klein and  
Members of the Arizona Board of Regents

In our February meeting with Mr. Finchem I was overzealous in my defense of the Universities and while I have publicly apologized to Mr. Finchem, I do not wish to be a distraction to the ongoing work of the Regents and Universities. Therefore, effective immediately, I am resigning from the Arizona Board of Regents.

I would like to thank Governor Brewer for appointing me and the members of the State Senate for confirming me as a Regent. I would also like to thank Governor Ducey for his friendship and support of both the Regents and the Universities. I would like to commend Governor (Regent) Ducey for his tremendous vision and effort in securing the approval of the one billion dollar infrastructure investment package. I believe that this accomplishment will constitute a legacy for his administration as well as for the Regents, Universities and indeed the whole State of Arizona.

Additionally, I would like to thank President Klein and her staff for their friendship as well as for their extraordinary efforts on behalf of the universities and State of Arizona. I would also like to thank the University Presidents, faculty and staff for their tireless efforts to provide high-quality education in a difficult environment.

Finally, of course, I would like to thank the individual members of the Board of Regents who are among the finest people I have met. Regents serve as volunteers for an eight-year term that comes with heavy responsibilities and requires thousands of hours of intense effort. My opportunity to participate in that effort and share those responsibilities for the last five years has been a great honor. Thank you for your service and for your friendship.

Sincerely,

Greg Patterson