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President Tom Galligan
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Dear President Galligan:

I have been informed by the LSU Health Shreveport human resources department that the outside investigation into the Title VII complaints alleging discrimination, harassment and retaliation, has been concluded which has resulted in my reinstatement as Chancellor without restrictions. As I initially stated and as evidenced, the allegations against me were unfounded and absolutely untrue. I supported, as always, a full and transparent investigative process, including my placement on administrative leave since April 12, 2021. Since that time, as we agreed, I have restricted my work to clinical, surgical, and teaching duties at one of our multiple off-campus sites.

Although the results of these investigations come as no surprise to me or my family, the unjustified attacks and distractions that we have had to endure for the past several months has weighed heavily upon me and my loved ones and brought several issues to light.

First and foremost, it has become evident to me exactly how much quality family time that I missed while focusing on Chancellor duties on behalf of LSU and our LSUHS family for the past five and one-half years. With two children in the early years of high school and two still in middle school, the past couple of months have reinforced what my first love really is and ought to be, and that is my wife and kids.

Secondly, despite the false attacks levied towards me and my family, the past couple of months have easily been some of the most enjoyable when it comes to my focused and uninterrupted interactions with my patients, their families, clinical/hospital staff, and the residents/students. Many colleagues, patients, nurses and community members have shared their support and prayers on a daily basis. The clinical, teaching, and surgical work combined with my surgical overseas

missions are the most satisfying aspects of my life, second only to my family and God.

Serving as Chancellor of LSUHS since February 1, 2016 is one of my career highlights. By any objective measure, under my leadership, we achieved tremendous success in academics, clinical care, and research. As an agent of change, I had to ensure that goals were established, and people were held accountable to achieve those goals. This did not always draw favor from everyone but was always done in the best strategic interest of the university. Today, it is the right time for me and my family to move forward, devote more quality time together and for me to also spend more focused time with my patients and residents/students.

To accomplish these two interrelated goals, I have decided to step down from my roles as Chancellor and Department Chair at LSUHS, effective immediately. For nearly three decades, I have placed our university first, often taking precious time away from my young children and wife. Every decision I have made as Chancellor over the past five plus years was made with the best interest of my LSUHS family. This personal decision to step down is no different and does not detract from my love for LSUHS, its employees, staff, students, and faculty, but rather it places the needs of my family first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G.E. Ghali".

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cc: Winston DeCuir