



JOHN TYSON

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Governor Mike Beebe
State Capitol Room 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Beebe:

After very careful consideration and deliberation, I have decided to resign from the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees, effective this Friday, February 8, 2013. While I very much appreciate your giving me to opportunity to serve on this prestigious board, I believe it is in both my best interest, and that of the board that I do so at this time.

About a year ago, not long after Don Bobbitt became UA System President, I told him and Chancellor Gearhart that I was probably going to resign from the Board. Because of the leadership change, they both asked me to stay on through a transition period and I agreed to do so. However, my schedule in recent months has made it increasingly difficult for me to attend meetings and be an effective board member. I do not see that changing, and because of that, and the fact that I have become increasingly frustrated with the Board's inability to make meaningful change in the structure and delivery of higher education in Arkansas, I think it is best that I step down now.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity given me to serve for the past six years, and wish you the best in finding a suitable replacement for the four years remaining on my term.

Sincerely,


John Tyson