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March 9, 2007

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. J. J. Hermes
The Daily Texan
editor@dailytexanonline.com

RE: Open Records Request – Red McCombs School of Business

Dear Mr. Hermes:

This is in final to your Open Records Request received on February 20, 2007. You asked that The University of Texas provide you with all letters of recommendation possibly written by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison on behalf of student applicants. You ask that the University's search include all letters written within the past year on behalf of any applicants to the Red McCombs School of Business.

The enclosed responsive documents are provided in response to your request. Any document response provided by this institution is provided in accordance with §552.026 and §552.114 of the Texas Public Information Act, *Government Code*, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), 20 U.S.C §1232g, commonly known as the Buckley Amendment. "Educational records" are defined as those records that contain information directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a person acting for such agency or institution, 20 U.S.C. §1232g(a)(4)(A). In accordance with FERPA, information is withheld only to the extent "reasonable and necessary to avoid personally identifying a particular student." Attorney General's Open Records Decision No. 634 (1995) concluded that an educational agency or institution may withhold from public disclosure information that is protected by FERPA and excepted from required public disclosure without the necessity of requesting an AG's opinion as to those exceptions. As you stipulated in your letter, all identifying information for these two applicants has been redacted prior to release.

You may contact Ms. Annela Lopez directly at 471-8300 if you require any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margo Iwanski".

Margo Iwanski
Executive Assistant
to the Vice President

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Enclosures



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
UNITED STATES SENATOR

November 30, 2006

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DEAN'S OFFICE
MCCOMBS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. George W. Gau
Dean, McCombs School of Business
The University of Texas at Austin
1 University Station B6000
Austin, Texas 78712-1178

Dear Dean Gau:

I am writing on behalf of [REDACTED] who has been [REDACTED] in my Washington, D.C. office for the past [REDACTED]. He has expressed to me his strong desire to obtain a Masters in Business Administration from the McCombs School of Business, and I believe he would be an excellent candidate and would recommend him for admission without reservation.

During his time on my staff, [REDACTED] has displayed good communication and organizational skills. He is highly motivated and dedicated to ensuring the successful execution of my [REDACTED] activities in the United States Senate. His maturity and work ethic are impressive, and I am confident he would be an asset to your program.

Prior to joining my team, [REDACTED] served as a [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] years. The [REDACTED] awareness and fortitude that he learned will undoubtedly serve him well in future business endeavors. He has indicated a willingness to continue working in [REDACTED] and I believe his overall experiences to date will serve him well in his future goals.

[REDACTED] is a native of [REDACTED], TX and graduated from the [REDACTED] in May of [REDACTED]. I believe [REDACTED] has a bright future and I hope you will give his application your every consideration.

Sincerely,

Kay Bailey Hutchison

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KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
 UNITED STATES SENATOR
 October 11, 2006

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 DEAN'S OFFICE
 RED McCOMBS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dean George W. Gau
 Red McCombs School of Business
 The University of Texas at Austin
 1 University Station B6000
 Austin, Texas 78712-1178

Dear Dr. Gau:

I am writing on behalf of [REDACTED], Texas, who has indicated to me his strong interest in earning an MBA from the McCombs School of Business. I can't think of anyone more deserving than [REDACTED] to be given this opportunity, and I would recommend him for admission without hesitation.

[REDACTED] is and has been a dedicated employee of mine [REDACTED]. His willingness to go the extra mile, his articulate communication skills, and his highly motivated demeanor are qualities that have been an absolute asset to me. He was originally hired to [REDACTED] but after a short period of time, he was reassigned as [REDACTED]. In this capacity, he was an integral part of my daily Senate routine for [REDACTED] years. When a position became available on the [REDACTED] [REDACTED], it was apparent to me that I already had on staff an extremely qualified young man whom I knew would and could get the job done for me.

For the past [REDACTED] has served as my [REDACTED] providing oversight and helping to guide this necessary [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. He has also helped me facilitate negotiations stateside to improve our government, such as a recent arrangement between the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to create state-of-the-art [REDACTED] facilities and enable [REDACTED] to work more efficiently.

[REDACTED]. I believe he is going to be one of our future leaders and is deserving of this opportunity. I hope you agree.

Sincerely,

Kay Bailey Hutchison
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