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November 21, 1999

Honorable Governor M. J. "Mike" Foster
Office of the Governor
P. O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA. 70804-9004

RE: Christopher C. Nabors, MD, DDS, PhD
(LSUMC '95) SSN 195-48-8187

Dear Governor Foster:

I am writing to advise you of what appears to be a serious mishandling of public funds at LSUMC. The specific action relates to payment of salary or fees to an employee (LSUMC resident) after he was convicted of homicide, incarcerated, and dropped from the LSUMC residency program.

The situation involves former LSUMC resident, Christopher C. Nabors of Pittsburgh, PA, who committed vehicular homicide when he killed my 25-year-old daughter, Michelle "Shelly" Haensel, on February 17, 1995 in Bayou St. John in New Orleans. Nabors continued in the LSUMC residency program after he was arrested and indicted. He continued in the residency program during criminal court hearings and the lengthy four-day trial (November 27 through November 30, 1995).

The LSUMC chancellor stated in the attached letter dated May 16, 1996 that Nabors was dropped from the residency program the date of his conviction. The conviction occurred on November 30, 1995. The institution must have paid overtime to employees to log this information as the conviction occurred at nearly 6:00 PM. Nabors attorneys maintain that he resigned from the residency program. Either the chancellor or Nabors is mistaken about this issue.

In addition, the chancellor wrote in the attached August 20, 1996 letter that Nabors last active pay period was November 20, 1995 through December 3, 1995. This appears to be accurate since at 8:30 AM on December 5, 1995, Nabors appeared in Div. F of Orleans Parish Criminal Court for a bond hearing, was handcuffed and escorted to prison on order of Judge Dennis J. Waldron. I was witness to this event. Nabors has been continuously imprisoned since his bond was revoked on December 5, 1995.

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I have just received copies of payroll records from LSUMC that shows the chancellor provided false information to me. The attached document shows that Nabors did indeed work through the December 3, 1995 pay period and was paid by a check issued on December 8, 1995. The records clearly show that Nabors was also paid for the pay period ending December 17, 1995 with a check in the amount of \$1,183.84 issued on December 22, 1995 and for the pay period ending December 31, 1995 with a check in the amount of \$591.92 issued on January 5, 1996. Nabors was a resident of Orleans Parish Prison during the latter two pay periods. Aside from the information provided from the chancellor being false, I believe this form of employee ghosting is illegal.

I ask that you conduct an investigation into this matter so that any illegal payments can be recovered by the State and that future incidents of this type are not repeated. If the actions prove to be criminal, the individuals responsible should be prosecuted as required by law. It may be appropriate to have inspector general Bill Lynch investigate this matter.

I would appreciate being advised in writing of your planned action and the results of your investigation. If I can provide any further information, please advise.

Sincerely,

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April 17, 2000

Mr. William B. Haensel, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Haensel:

This is in response to your letter to Governor M.J. "Mike" Foster dated November 21, 1999. At the request of his staff, we are providing you with the following information.

Dr. Christopher Nabors' termination date from the LSU Health Sciences Center was November 30, 1995. You are correct in your assertion that he was erroneously paid for the month of December, 1995. The University was reimbursed the net amount of this overpayment by the Nabors family, and the funds were deposited in our account on March 9, 2000.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Moerschbaeche, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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Mr. Patrick Martin, Office of Executive Counsel, State of Louisiana