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Dear Governor Reynolds,

Thank you for your letter of August 17. You and I share a common goal of keeping Iowa's public universities the top-notch institutions that they are.

Keeping our public universities accessible and affordable will continue to be the Board's top priority. Creating predictability in tuition is a key and necessary aspect of this. As you mentioned, tuition and fees at our universities are already lower than their peers, but we should always strive to improve.

As you suggest, we will work with our universities to explore ways to most effectively use the resources that we already have. Additionally, by looking at how others across the nation are leveraging their assets, I am confident that we can find new initiatives to implement on our campuses.

I will be back in touch with you if and when we identify potential opportunities.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Richards  
President  
Board of Regents, State of Iowa