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[On behalf of Bob Donley –](#)

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Dear Members of the Board of Regents:

Last week President Mason spoke of the need to improve efforts to end sexual assault on campus. Some of her language may have been poorly chosen. However, she clearly believes that every effort should be made to eliminate sexual assault.

Under President Mason's leadership, the University of Iowa has become a national leader in its efforts to prevent sexual assault and has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice as a national model for its efforts. These efforts include:

- A mandate, six years before such action was required by the federal government, that every employee take and pass an online course on sexual harassment;
- Being among the first in the nation to create an Office of Sexual Misconduct Response Coordinator.

Rape is a horrific crime on college campuses across the country. UI organizations such as the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, the Anti-Violence Coalition, the Women's Resource and Action Center, and the Office of Student Life are already addressing the problem, but more can always be done.

President Mason's listening session yesterday was a wonderful example of how the discussion on campus is turning from one of blame and anger to one focused on seeking solutions and working together to battle the true target: perpetrators of sexual assault. We urge you to work *with* President Mason and the University of Iowa community while, under her leadership, we direct our collective energy toward positive and proactive efforts to reduce sexual assault.

Respectfully submitted,

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