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To the Honorable Governor Chris Christie:

As was reported in the Wall Street Journal on January 7, 2012, I have requested that the Kean University Board of Trustees establish an independent, academic investigation into the allegations that President Dawood Farahi falsified his academic credentials on his job application and many resumes he submitted to Kean University and other entities over several years. The Board's sluggish, inadequate response does not address the potential damage that these allegations have on impending Middle States accreditation and NCAA reviews. It is urgent that this matter be promptly and thoroughly investigated by an independent body above reproach (see attachments).

Consequently, in the interests of the public trust, representing Kean students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and New Jersey public higher education under your administration, I call upon you to launch a formal independent investigation of these allegations to assure that there will be no cover-up, no falsification of the public records, and no retaliation for whistleblowing. This matter is too serious to the integrity of everyone to be treated as a non-consequential local dispute at a State University.

Sincerely,

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cc: New Jersey Commission on Higher Education
New Jersey Assembly Higher Education Committee
New Jersey Senate Higher Education Committee
Office of the New Jersey Attorney General
Middle States Commission on Higher Education
United States Department of Education

Enclosures: November 29, 2011 Letter to Kean University Board of Trustees
December 13, 2012 Letter to Kean University Board of Trustees
"New Scrutiny for University President," *Wall Street Journal*, January 7, 2012
Summary of Fraudulent/Questionable Academic Credentials of Pres. Farahi