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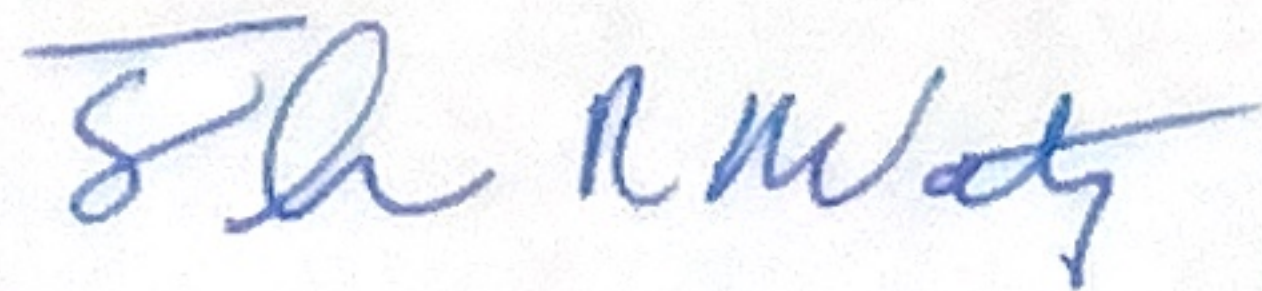
Mr. John Adams
President
Board of Visitors
Virginia Military Institute
201 Smith Hall
Lexington, VA 24450

Dear Mr. Adams,

It is with very mixed feelings that I have decided to resign immediately as a member of the Virginia Military Institute ("VMI") Board of Visitors. While I am reaching the end of my last term on the board, I find that I am increasingly out of alignment with the majority of the current board members and feel its best to step away now rather than wait until my term expires.

I remain a strong supporter of VMI's mission and purpose, and will continue to do whatever I can to support the schools efforts to produce the leaders of the 21st Century.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "TR Watjen".

Thomas R. Watjen '76

cc:

MG Cedric Wins, VMI Superintendent

William Wyatt, Secretary VMI Board of Visitors