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Karen A. Holbrook, President  
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Dear President Holbrook:

Thank you for your letter of May 31, 2006 notifying the Board of Trustees of your decision to retire as President of The Ohio State University at the end of your current contract on June 30, 2007. The Board understands and accepts the very personal decision you have made.

It will be important that the upcoming year be a true recognition of your thirty-five year career in higher education and five years of exceptional service as President of the University. We look forward to working closely with you in the coming days to develop an appropriate communication of this decision to the broader university community. We anticipate a busy and productive year ahead as we continue to build upon your achievements and position the University for a transition of leadership.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Duncan".

Robert M. Duncan, Chair  
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