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Fellow Members of the State Appeal Board,

Under Gary Barta's leadership at the University of Iowa Athletics Department, we've had Peter Gray scandal plus three instances of discrimination totaling nearly \$7 million in damages (setting aside other suits). After the largest settlement, Barta asserted no wrong was done. Now we have a new matter for \$4 million more, and for the first time they want part paid from the taxpayers' General Fund, even though they now collect tens of millions annually thru the Big Ten TV deal.

Enough is enough. Clear personal accountability is necessary. I will not support taxpayers funding this settlement unless Gary Barta is no longer employed at the University and forfeits any severance or similar pay. I encourage you to join me. Real accountability will help prevent discrimination, protecting both taxpayers and future victims.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Sand".

Rob Sand  
Iowa State Auditor

CC: Iowa Attorney General's Office  
University of Iowa Athletics Department