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Attention: Co-chairs and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee:

I am grateful for this opportunity to join all those who will recommend to you Larry McHugh for chairman of the board of trustees at our flagship institution of higher learning, the University of Connecticut. Governor Rell could not have made a more appropriate nomination; the UConn community and all state residents could not hope for a more suitable candidate.

It was my very good fortune to fall in step with Larry McHugh literally decades ago. His distinguished and longstanding tenure as president of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce has provided continuity and stability in one of our state's lynchpin roles.

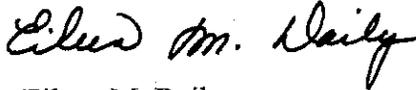
Under his leadership, the Middlesex chamber has become the state's preeminent beacon for small business owners and members of our corporate community alike. Larry McHugh's unrelenting optimism about Connecticut's fortunes, tested at times to be sure, has been an invaluable constant breeding prosperity during good times and perseverance at other times.

He will bring his unshakable faith and apply his considerable skills to the challenges UConn faces at this critical time, when determination and resolve are as much in demand as ever. As most of us know, Larry McHugh was a first-rate educator and coach earlier in his career. I am confident he will teach us all how to rally around creative solutions to vexing issues; I am confident that just as a winning coach coaxes extraordinary effort from his or her players to build a successful team, Larry McHugh will bring out the best in Connecticut to benefit UConn.

There is no understating the difficult times we face. The vision we all share for UConn, in terms of the high caliber of its graduates, the exceptional quality of its research facilities, and in its status among the nation's best state universities, might otherwise be compromised given the fiscal constraints we anticipate for the foreseeable future.

But I predict that vision is both attainable and sustainable with Larry McHugh at the helm. I heartily urge your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Thank you very much.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen M. Daily". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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