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Good Evening:

I am writing as a concerned faculty member at Morehouse College who is interested in confidentially sharing information about events taking place at Morehouse College. I believe that there is significant evidence of Board dysfunction/misconduct and am hopeful that a thoughtful investigation of the Board's activities, and most recently, the decision not to renew the president's contract, will help to change the functioning of the Board. Specifically, there are faculty at the College who are very concerned about the decision to exclude student and faculty trustees and other important governance that have led to a crisis at the College. At this time, faculty, students and staff at the College are unsure as to whether the president is leading the College.

I have attached for your review:

- 1) A timeline of important events.
- 2) A report prepared by AGB Consulting including recommendations for board reform.
- 3) A letter from the College's president, John Wilson, to the Board Chair, Robert Davidson, asking that they work collaboratively to address issues raised in the AGB report.
- A letter from consultant Keith Eigel, PhD, recommending significant change to Board functioning and structure.
- The Temporary Restraining Order (and supporting documents) filed by Student Trustees when they were dismissed from discussion and voting on the renewal of the president's contract on January 13, 2017.
- The lawsuit (complaint) filed by the student trustees asking to void the decision made on 1/13/2017 not to renew the contract of the president. Other supporting documents including the affidavit of Student Trustee Johnathan Hill alleging that the Board Chair excluded students from voting after Mr. Hill declined to reveal how he would vote when asked by the Board Chair prior to the start of the meeting.
- The Court Ruling dismissing the complaint and recommending that the Board reform its bylaws.
- A letter sent by the Board chair to the Morehouse College community on 3/6/2017 indicating that the dayto-day leadership of the College was being assumed by William Taggart. Although the president wrote to faculty indicating that he is still functioning as president, the Board has yet to correct this letter.

I am sharing this information with you confidentially. I believe in the mission of the College and am committed to making Morehouse better. I believe that a strong piece reported on by the Griot on this situation will create motivation for Board reform in the best interests of the College.