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Louisiana Commission on Streamlining Government
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Dear Members of the Commission:

What are we planning to address the Human Capital needs for an expanded and new medical education and research institution?

Other universities in other states with major medical teaching programs such as Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania, Tufts University, University of Texas and New York University approach such an expansion program with parallel efforts to both endow senior chairs to attract leading medical/science educators, who in turn attract leading graduate students, while planning the bricks and mortar.

Moreover, these other same medical teaching universities have often recycled older buildings such as the Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania, CHOP, and originally 900,000+ sq. ft. while building a faculty which has made CHOP the # 1 hospital of its kind in the nation.

Today, it may take \$5 million or more to endow one senior chair, and many will be required, for such a facility as envisioned by LSU. Or we will build it without the level of teaching expertise to sustain the vision?

Human Capital is what makes a Medical Center state of the art. Please invest wisely.

Sincerely,

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