A letter to the Citizens of Louisville,

It has been portrayed in the media that Tom Jurich left the University and Dr. Postel in the dark regarding the Adidas deal. This record breaking contract should have been celebrated, but instead it has been labeled as secret and negative. While some media outlets are willing to omit facts to get clicks, the UofL community must have an open dialogue and work together. Tom Jurich took the necessary measures to ensure the integrity of the Adidas deal. There are many examples of how the deal was vetted internally and externally.

We fully believe that there has been miscommunication during the transition of Interim Presidents with the University of Louisville Athletics. Let's work together with the University, President Postel, University of Louisville Athletics and Tom Jurich to do what is right for our community.

Tom has lead UofL athletics to amazing success in gender equity, studentathlete graduation rates (50% higher than the general student population), student-athlete GPA's (average above 3.0), and broad support for all sports.

With Tom's leadership over the past 20 years and his pursuit of athletic and academic excellence for all athletes, UofL Athletics has achieved milestone victories that have made Louisville the envy of many athletic programs around the country.

We fully believe retaining Tom would be best for University of Louisville.

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