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From: Sestak, Jacob R <jacob.sestak@okstate.edu>
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Mr. Junior,

Attached to this e-mail is the document and statements of affirmation that we have discussed. In this e-mail, I will also discuss each of these individuals in a little more depth for context.

Former President Philip J. Torticill: Mr. Torticill is a previous President of Western Fraternal Life in Cedar Rapids, IA. After multiple years of service, he has remained to be very active in the organization at a local and national level. He was a Delegate to the 2019 Western Fraternal Life National Convention.

Former Director Elaine Benda: Ms. Benda is a former member of the Board of Directors of Western Fraternal Life. Since retirement, she has continued to act as President of their lodge in Yukon, OK. She was a Delegate to the 2019 Western Fraternal Life National Convention.

Former Director Julius Dubcak: Mr. Dubcak is one of the longest serving Directors Western Fraternal Life has ever had. His career as a director spans 30 years of service. He is still extremely active at the national level, and as such was a Delegate to the 2019 National Convention.

Pre-Convention Committee Member Galen Spinler: Mr. Spinler is a scientist and native of the state of Michigan. He has served multiple terms on the Western Fraternal Life Pre-Convention Committee, a branch of our governance that deals specifically with recommendations of Bylaw maintenance and alterations to the National Convention Delegation. Mr. Spinler was interestingly enough in support of this measure, even to the point of writing an "endorsement" in the April issue of our company magazine. He is an example of how the reported vote could have been different if members were allowed to have contact information for one another and discuss this vote, much as we would have in a normal Convention situation. Mr. Spinler was a Delegate-at-Large at the recent Convention.

Delegate and Lodge Officer Marilyn Berousek: Ms. Berousek is a long time member of Western Fraternal Life. She has attended numerous Conventions, including the most recent Convention in Green Bay, WI. She also is a lodge officer in Yukon, Oklahoma and the Oklahoma WFL State Secretary.

Pre-Convention Committee Member Jacob R. Sestak: Jacob R. Sestak (yours truly) is a graduate student at Oklahoma State University and recent recipient of a Bachelors Degree in Agricultural Economics. At the 2019 Western Fraternal Life Convention, he was elected by his district to the Pre-Convention Committee, a body that oversees the alterations and maintenance of the company Bylaws. He is a fourth generation member of WFLA/ZCBJ (Western Fraternal Life).

The document should speak for itself, but if you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me. As previously discussed, I will be more than willing to supply you with anything (recordings, e-mails, supplementary documentation, etc.) that I may have to give evidential backing to any matters in this document. I would once again like to stress, the intention of this document is to give a full and unfiltered account of this merger process from a member perspective. It is our opinion that these actions were unethical, inappropriate, and, in some cases, in direct conflict with the Western Fraternal Life Bylaws. Thank you for looking into our situation.

With the utmost of appreciation,

Jacob R. Sestak

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