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Sugar Cane League

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Dear Ms. Dove:

I have served on the Board of Directors of the American Sugar Cane League, Inc. since 1999, so I am familiar with the tenure of Charles Melancon. I recall that in 2001 when Charlie had considered leaving the League to pursue other opportunities. I participated in discussions with him and other members of the Board regarding a severance package which consisted minimally of one year's compensation.

The current decision to award a severance package is simply a continuation of those earlier discussions and is in no way related to what he might do after he resigned his position.

Sincerely yours,

Tommy Thibodeaux
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