

## Letter 9

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Dear Board members,

I am aware the Board is going to reconsider the use of medical savings accounts for the 2020 academic year. I am writing to you today in the hopes that you can do something for the state employees who carefully considered their allocation of earnings towards these accounts in October, 2019, unaware that life would change significantly in 2020 because of the Pandemic. Although I do not have the statistics to support my claim, it would not surprise me if many state employees allocated significantly more than they were able to spend last year. That certainly happened in my case. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. However, given the restrictions that were in place for many months at my surgeon's office, and my own concern about having surgery while not inoculated against COVID-19, I opted to forego the surgery and try other treatment alternatives. The upshot of this was that I had [REDACTED] of unused funds for 2020. I am aware that \$500 of this was rolled over into my medical savings account for 2021, but I stand to lose close to \$500 of my hard earned money. Frankly, as a professor in the UW system, my annual salary does not permit me to just let that sum of money go. I am sure that I am not the only one who has such woes.

Thus, it is my strong hope that you take this into consideration when you discuss the issue at your meeting.

Thank you so very much,

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