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February 2, 2025

Mr. Henry F. D'Alessandro  
Chair, Board of Regents  
Seton Hall University  
400 South Orange Avenue  
South Orange, New Jersey 07079

Dear Chair D'Alessandro:

Over the past several months, POLITICO has reported on allegations related to Seton Hall University ("SHU") President Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, as well as the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees' investigations following allegations of sexual misconduct by the former Archbishop of Newark.<sup>1</sup>

Since then, my office has met with SHU officials multiple times seeking additional details, and I have requested that SHU publicly release the findings of investigations and recommendations related to Monsignor Reilly.

Just yesterday, POLITICO published additional documents purportedly sent during the Special Task Force investigation.<sup>2</sup> It is clearer than ever that the Board and the University must act – to either fully clear Monsignor Reilly with transparency into the investigations, findings, and recommendations, or to find a new president. SHU and the Board have a duty to the students, faculty, alumni, and all New Jerseyans to foster trust in your institution and its leadership – and cannot continue to stay silent in the face of these serious concerns.

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<sup>1</sup> Dustin Racioppi, *He knew of sex abuse allegations on campus. Now he's university president.*, POLITICO, (Dec. 21, 2024, 7:00 a.m.), <https://www.politico.com/news/2024/12/21/seton-hall-president-sexual-abuse-scandal-00194814>.

<sup>2</sup> Dustin Racioppi, *Seton Hall president was told he violated Title IX policies on sexual abuse*, POLITICO, (Feb. 1, 2024, 12:00 p.m.), <https://www.politico.com/news/2025/02/01/seton-hall-president-title-ix-00201894>.

As a former prosecutor, I understand your position that the investigation, its reports, and its recommendations are subject to confidentiality agreements. However, I urge you and Monsignor Reilly to waive confidentiality for portions of the reports and recommendations where Monsignor Reilly is named and release redacted materials to protect personally identifiable information for individuals other than Monsignor Reilly.

In your public response, I request that you provide information on the following questions:

- Did Monsignor Reilly have knowledge of the former Archbishop's misconduct, and did he fail to report it or take action to protect the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Andrew's Hall ("ICS") seminarians?
- Did Monsignor Reilly have knowledge of sexual misconduct claims involving ICS seminarians (separate and apart from the allegations against the former Archbishop), and did he fail to report it or take action about it as required by SHU's sexual harassment policies?
- When did Monsignor Reilly avail himself to respond to the Latham Report's findings, and specifically, did he avail himself to respond to the Latham Report's findings following the February 18, 2020 letter published by POLITICO?
- Was Monsignor Reilly cleared of the allegations involving ICS seminarians in or about summer and fall 2012 which may have violated the SHU Title IX policies referenced in the February 18, 2020 letter published by POLITICO? And if so, how and by whom?
- What were the Special Task Force's recommendations to the Board related to Monsignor Reilly?
- Did the Board's final decision related to Monsignor Reilly differ from the Special Task Force's recommendations? And if so, why?

I am requesting further action and a response to these questions no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2025.

Sincerely,



Mikie Sherrill  
Member of Congress