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Mr. Gordon Gee, Chancellor
Vanderbilt University
211 Kirkland Hall
Nashville, TN 37240

Dear Chancellor Gee:

I am writing to strongly urge Vanderbilt to pay all of its employees a living wage.

No one who works full-time should ever have to live in poverty. A living wage would translate that ideal into reality by giving full-time workers enough pay and benefits to support their families above the poverty line. Over the last few years, several institutions of higher learning including Harvard University, Georgetown University, and Yale University have established living wages on their campuses, rewarding the work of their employees with enough money to buy the basics for themselves and their families.

I understand that Vanderbilt employees, students, religious leaders, labor leaders, and community residents have joined together to take up this cause of simple fairness. I support their efforts and hope you will join us.

Sincerely,



John Edwards