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Dr. Harrison Keller

This memorandum is to summarize a privileged correspondence dated March 2021, from the Chief Audit Executive of Texas Southern University. The correspondence transmitted results of an award eligibility evaluation of seven student financial aid programs at the university from academic years 2016/2017 through 2019/2020.

Texas Southern University determined that eight students improperly received TEXAS grant awards totaling \$22,500 during the time frame reviewed. The cause of the improper awards was identified in the report as students having not met program criteria. The institution has refunded \$22,500 to the Coordinating Board.

We plan on performing financial aid-related work to assess the effectiveness of corrective measures and compliance as part of our Fiscal Year 2022 Compliance Monitoring work plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Poehl".

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