

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Dec. 31, 2023

Dear Colleagues:

We're deeply saddened to share that Regent Douglas J.J. Peters passed away on Dec. 30, after battling multiple myeloma. Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time.

Many will extol Regent Peters' long and distinguished leadership in the Maryland Senate, his decorated service in the U.S. military, where his valor during Operation Desert Storm earned him the Bronze Star, and his faithful commitment to his church and his community. For that legacy of service, he deserves every word of praise.

But, of course, what is especially inspiring to us is that Regent Peters left the Senate actively seeking a way to *sustain* his enormous impact on the citizens of Maryland and the strength of our state. As a USM regent, he was a steadfast advocate for our students, and in a fitting tribute that made him tremendously proud, the Maryland General Assembly named for him a scholarship awarded to students who served our country during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

His leadership on vitally important Board committees—Education Policy and Student Life; Finance; Advancement; and Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare—has shaped how we approach this work and the policies that guide it.

While Regent Peters was dedicated to all of our USM universities, he held deep affection for Bowie State University, where he was regent liaison, and for his alma maters, the University of Maryland, College Park, where he earned his bachelor's degree, and the University of Baltimore, where he earned his MBA.

Regent Peters' illness somehow did not slow his service. For years following his cancer diagnosis, he was a deeply engaged member of our Board. He was with us in this work—in mind, body, and spirit—to the very end. For that, we cannot adequately express our admiration or our gratitude.



The Board of Regents has lost an amazing talent, a hard-working colleague, and a caring friend. In every way, Doug's was a life defined by service, and the only way to honor that life is to faithfully advance the work to which he was so meaningfully dedicated. In doing this, we will keep his memory alive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda R. Gooden".

Linda R. Gooden
Chair, USM Board of Regents

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay A. Perman".

Jay A. Perman
Chancellor, University System of Maryland