

# MASSACHUSETTS FISCAL ALLIANCE

March 11, 2016

Hon. Suzanne Bump  
Auditor of the Commonwealth  
The State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Auditor Bump,

On behalf of the members of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, I am writing to urge your office to begin investigating immediately the retirement perks of Dana Mohler-Farias, who retired from Bridgewater State University in June of last year.

According to the Boston Business Journal titled "Meet the poster child for a state payroll system in need of reform," Mohler-Farias acquired more than \$1 million in accrued vacation and sick time in the years leading up to his retirement. He was paid a lump sum of \$269,984, in addition to a \$183,421 annual state pension as well as the \$8,333-per-month fee he receives as an advisor to the school.

You say, on the Auditor's homepage, "Our team strives for professional excellence in safeguarding taxpayer dollars, uncovering abuse, and promoting good management practices for state government." Clearly, the Mohler-Farias compensation arrangement squanders taxpayer dollars, is almost certainly the result of abuse, and exemplifies sloppy management practices in state government.

The extraordinarily large payouts to Mohler-Farias and the lavish post-retirement consulting deal should have set in motion an audit long ago. The arrangement is well beyond the scope of what a thoughtful person would consider ordinary. The taxpayers deserve a full and thorough investigation and explanation.

Sincerely,



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