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Dr. George T. French Jr.
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Dear Dr. French and the Clark Atlanta University Board of Trustees:

I am writing this letter to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Doctoral Program in Political Science at Clark Atlanta University. I am a recent alumni from the Department of Political Science of Clark Atlanta University, receiving my Ph.D. in December 2019. My time at the Department was beneficial in a myriad of ways to me professionally and personally. I gained knowledge in the field of political science, the ability to conduct advanced research at the doctoral level, and the opportunity to pursue a career as an Assistant Professor at Kentucky State University. The pedagogical skills I acquired at Clark Atlanta University serve me every day in teaching Political Science and Public Administration courses at the graduate level. While at Clark Atlanta University, I had the honor to be mentored by esteemed professors of Political Science, namely Dr. Kurt Young, Dr. Hashim Gibrill, Dr. William Boone, Dr. Henry Elonge, and others whose collective support was critical to my success in completing the Ph.D. program. Their guidance informs my efforts to advise and mentor graduate students as an Assistant Professor.

The Department of Political Science further sustained my efforts through awarding me the Ford Fellowship throughout my tenure at Clark Atlanta University. The fellowship program supported me financially and was a key component in helping me to finish my courses and dissertation. I am grateful to the Department of Political Science for everything they have done for me and I hope to inspire other students in their respective scholastic journeys through my position as a professor of Public Administration. It goes without saying that Clark Atlanta University was critical to me in obtaining employment as a professor but beyond the conferral of a degree, the Department of Political Science has given me the knowledge and inspiration to pursue what I have studied as a profession. Finally, my time at the Department of Political

Science improved my interpersonal communications, active listening, goal-setting, and decision-making skills, all of which will serve me in my leadership developments and future pursuits.

I would like to thank the Department of Political Science at Clark Atlanta University for the contributions you have made in helping me shape my career. I would also like to recognize the legacy of the founder of the Department, Dr. Mack Henry Jones. As a graduate who studied under professors who themselves worked with or studied under Dr. Jones, I consider myself a beneficiary of his efforts, knowledge, and leadership.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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