- + Development Advisory Meeting Windup/draft notes
 - + Michigan is the result of a proud and generous dream for the future
 - a dream that links excellence with opportunity
 - a dream to build a great University to serve important public purposes
 - that dream was enlarged and made real by the long tradition of sacrifice, commitment
 - work and vigilance of countless thousands of people,
 - who have stepped up to the challenge of their times
 - who have answered the call of their University whenever they were needed.
 - I don't have to tell any of you that this tradition is very much alive today.
 - Just this week nearly 100 alumni leaders from across Michigan
 - came to Ann Arbor to help us do a better job of getting our story
 - out to the State and its politicians. By the end of the day, they had
 - come up with a brilliant plan---
 - and then they committed themselves to carry it out!
 - + And, of course, your presence here today exemplifies this tradition.
 - Each one of you has been so generousto the University
 - Generous with your financial support,
 - but also generous with your time, wisdom and vision.
 - Believe me, they mean everything to us.
 - Your creativity and candor have shaped our planning over these past months.
 - Now you have given us the green light to press ahead with a Campaign.
 - We all know that it won't be easy.
 - But few things that are important to the world are easy.
 - Our dreams today might even seem impossible to outsiders.
 - just as in earlier times, many doubted that a public University could aspire to greatness.
 - But aiming high is what we are about!
 - + Michigan gives its people something extraordinary
 - the best education, yes.
 - A great University, yes.
 - But the difference is something more--
 - I think it ingrains in each one of us
 - a commitment to individual excellence
 - a drive to be the best
 - (....and nowhere will you find this demonstrated more clearly than in this room.
 - filled with people whie achievments are recognized across the country.....)
 - + In return, what Michigan asks of us
 - is a also commitment
 - from all those who love our University and what it stands for
 - a commitment to keep that Michigan opportunity alive
 - to serve the future.
 - Her people have never failed her when she needed them.
 - And here you are. Ready to take up the challenge.
 - Wtih you on our side, we can't help but succeed.
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