



West Virginia University

Office of the President

October 28, 2011

**VIA FACSIMILE and
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John M. Marinatto, Commissioner
The Big East Conference
15 Park Row West
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Commissioner Marinatto:

This will confirm notice of West Virginia University's (WVU) withdrawal from the Big East Conference, effective as of June 30, 2012. After the withdrawal of the University of Pittsburgh, Syracuse University and Texas Christian University from the conference, and repeated public comments by the University of Connecticut regarding its desire to exit the conference, the Big East is no longer viable as a football conference. Since the time of those withdrawals and public comments, WVU has considered its options and has decided to accept an invitation from the Big XII conference.

The required initial portion of the withdrawal fee, \$2,500,000, will be wire transferred to the Big East Conference today. Please be advised that WVU needs to receive from the Big East offices a vendor name and address, and the following bank information for the "To:" side of the transaction; bank name, bank account name, ABA number, and bank account number. We will immediately wire the initial portion of the fee upon receipt of that information.

WVU will work with you amicably regarding all details of its withdrawal from the conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. Clements".

James P. Clements, Ph.D.
President

cc: (Via facsimile and Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested)

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