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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 19, 2006  
To: Michael Rice  
Chair, Faculty Senate  
From: Robert L. Carother--President  
Subject: Resolution #05-06-5

My position on the subject legislation is a matter of public record, and I have also expressed my views before the House Finance Committee and on the floor of the Faculty Senate. While I certainly support the concept of state matching money for the land grant mission of the University-and congratulate all those who have put this item on the public agenda-I do not support one clause of section 16-324.2, page 4, line 12 and 13, wherein the legislation would dictate the management structure required of the University. I express no opinion as to the content of the section, but I believe I am duty bound to object to the General Assembly's intrusion into the management prerogatives of the Board of Governors and the President of the University of Rhode Island. Were those lines removed, I would be fully and enthusiastically support the legislation.

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