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The Honorable Senator Mark Pryor
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Dear Senator Pryor:

I am writing to apologize for any embarrassment that I may have caused you and to explain how the situation with Wilshire Boulevard Temple occurred.

As many non-profit organizations do, the Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles asked its members and supporters to donate or identify, if they could, potential means to raise funds for a charity auction. As a long time member of the Temple, I was one of several people asked if I could identify an internship that could be included in the auction.

I told the person asking me that, pending approval of your office, I thought it might be possible to auction off an unpaid month-long summer internship for a high school student with your office. (I knew you had been at Wilshire Boulevard Temple and were impressed with the work it had been doing in the community.) I said that if the person whose bid was selected was for whatever reason not approved, the Temple could give the money back.

I didn't realize that the item would be posted before I had a chance to check with your office. Nor did I realize that it would be posted without the caveat that the person would have to be approved. Unfortunately, there was a miscommunication.

There has been a post on an internet blog that my father and/or his law firm was somehow involved in this process. Neither he nor his firm had anything to do with it. I did this on my own.

I am informed that a check was received by the Temple, but never cashed. I have also been told that it was returned within approximately 24 hours.

I wish there were something else I could say other than I am sorry. All I can add is I realize the error in my judgment and will certainly never make this mistake again.

With deepest regrets and respect,



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