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Dear Alum:

Having taught at Oberlin for 35 years, I feel particularly fortunate to see the renewal that happens at Oberlin each fall as a new class of students arrives. Oberlin will help them grow intellectually and creatively over the next few years in extraordinary ways, and the return of the students each fall reminds me how fortunate I am to be a part of that process. But we in the faculty can't do it alone. That's why I'm asking you to join me in giving to The Oberlin Fund today.

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Best,



Sincerely,
Ronald Kahn
James Monroe Professor of Politics and Law

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