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Mr. Mark Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your December 19 letter, which I have just received. The story of the role Moody has played in your radio ministry and is both humbling and encouraging. We're grateful for such a long-standing partner like Faith Broadcasting in the work of the Gospel.

I appreciate that you care enough about us and your relationship with us to be so forthright. You may rest assured that the recent change to the Moody community standards does not reflect the personal whims and desires of a handful of board members and employees. Rather it came to the board after months of careful study of biblical teaching and reflects Moody leadership's desire to emphasize values over rules.

The employee guidelines were changed to reflect no more and no less than what God's Word requires. Where Scripture is clear, Moody employees are expected to adhere to biblical absolutes governing conduct. Where the Bible is not clear, and—as you note—where believers today disagree, Moody wishes to leave these matters to the individual's biblically-discerned conscience. Naturally these apply to only those in our community who are of age, and our goal is to train students to become adults who can be entrusted with such individual decisions in time. It's important to note that we are not advocating the use of alcohol, tobacco, or gambling through this change.

A bit of my own story: I've been a steadfast supporter of the ministries of Moody for more than 40 years, first as a student in the 1960s, then editor of *Moody* magazine before becoming vice president for Moody Publishers. I have served on the Board of Trustees for 13 years, as chairman for the past 6 years. Moody Bible Institute has long been my proudest association. I'm passionate about accomplishing our mission to reach across the globe, cultures, and generations with the truth of God's Word to impact the world for Christ.

I deeply regret that the article in *World* magazine about my private card playing resulted in negative attention on Moody and its ministries. For me it was simply a competitive diversion I enjoyed for the mental challenge. I happen to agree with you regarding gambling and, like the state of California, didn't consider card playing gambling. But recognizing the perception of my activities, I've decided that I will no longer participate in any form of public gaming. I've
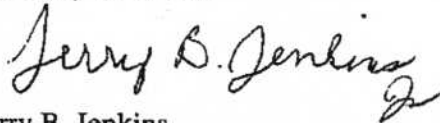
expressed to the staff at Moody my profound sorrow that the publicity regarding this activity has in any way harmed the reputation of Moody or its ministries. The last thing I ever wanted was for my personal activities to bring harm or embarrassment to this place that I love.

I never perceived my playing to be anything but a hobby, but I see now that it is inconsistent with my role as a Moody Trustee. I viewed it as something I was free to do, but on reflection I understand that the negative aspects of the commercial gaming industry taint any association with public card playing, regardless of my intent.

I am sorry for this error in judgment and ask your forgiveness and that you pray that I be found worthy of the great privilege and high calling I have been given as Moody's chairman of the Board.

While we believe the employee standards change accurately reflects biblical teaching, we're sorry for the challenges this now poses for your board and staff. Our strong desire is that you would continue to carry Moody's biblically-based programming, yet we understand the position you are in. If there's more information needed, or anything Moody Radio may do to help with a transition, please feel free to call on Greg Thornton or Collin Lambert.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jerry B. Jenkins

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