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**STATE AUDITOR ROB SAND RELEASES STATEMENT ON STATE APPEAL  
BOARD DECISION TO USE IOWANS' TAX DOLLARS TO SETTLE  
DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I am disappointed Iowa taxpayers will have to pay nearly half of a \$4.175 million dollar settlement, especially in light of the fact that this is the fourth discrimination lawsuit implicating the University of Iowa Athletic Department in less than nine years, all while under the watch of Athletic Director Gary Barta.

In addition to milking taxpayers, this settlement does nothing to discourage a pattern of discrimination that may cost hard-working Iowans even more in the future.

Enough is enough. Iowans should not have to foot the bill for repeated bad behavior.