Statement by Jerry P. Draayer, SURA President & CEO
on the passing of John B. Noftsinger

We wish to express our great sadness at the tragic loss of our friend, Dr. John B. Noftsinger, Jr. – Vice Provost for Research and Public Service at James Madison University.

As a member of the SURA Board of Trustees, John distinguished himself as a leader, advocate and trusted friend. Just the day before his death, his colleagues elected him chair of a newly chartered committee – demonstrating their confidence in John, and the selfless service that exemplified his career.

The SURA family sends its heartfelt condolences to his wife and three sons, his family, friends and the James Madison University community he served so well.

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