Dear usmnews.net:

As I understand it, [new interim USM president] Aubrey Lucas is 77 years old. If that is so, him being recalled to lead USM during all of this turmoil is probably going to be a very stressful situation for him, as it would be for anyone. That stress seems to have run Martha Saunders out of the office, and she is a bit younger than he is if my math is correct. If I were one of Lucas' children or grandchildren, I would be very upset if that stress gets to him in any way. It would be very hard to not blame Saunders for that stress and whatever it may do to Lucas over the next year.

USM needs to figure out how to get things done without having to recall Lucas over and over again. He shouldn't have to pay a price for Saunders' incompetence and mismanagement. He has already given plenty to USM and the citizens of Mississippi.

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**Reporters' Note:** This is a perspective that has heretofore not been discussed. There is a real "food for thought" quality to this letter.