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Dear Ms. Conza,

Thank you for your inquiry.

We appreciate your concern; we, too, have been discussing this event internally.

Dartmouth prizes and defends the right to free speech. Although we were deeply concerned about the credible threats to participant safety shared by local law enforcement shortly before the *Extremism in America* event was scheduled to begin, we were delighted that the event took place, proceeding safely online. Regardless of the venue—live or online—Dartmouth is committed to the protection of freedom of speech. I am pleased that, in this case, all of those in attendance were free to exercise that right.

Thank you for your support of this essential freedom.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Hanlon
President
