



# WAYNE STATE

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Ms. Alexandria Morey  
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Via email ([alex@thefire.org](mailto:alex@thefire.org); [azhar@thefire.org](mailto:azhar@thefire.org))

Dear Ms. Morey and Mr. Majeed,

Thank you for your letter of July 13, 2020. We appreciate FIRE's commitment to protecting First Amendment rights and share its view regarding the importance of unfettered advocacy to improve the legal profession.

Wayne State University Law School ardently supports and will actively defend our students' First Amendment expressive rights. We are proud of our students' long history of zealous, vigorous, and thoughtful advocacy for a wide range of causes – including their recent advocacy for a diploma privilege – and consider that history to be an important part of our identity as an institution. We are certain, moreover, that the Michigan Board of Law Examiners and the State Bar of Michigan fully embrace these core values and would not consider adverse action against an applicant based on that applicant's exercise of First Amendment expressive rights, whether aimed at improving the legal profession or otherwise.

Sincerely,

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Cc: M. Roy Wilson, Wayne State University President  
Louis Lessem, Wayne State University Vice President and General Counsel  
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Maribeth Graff, Michigan Board of Law Examiners Executive Director