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Sabrina Conza Foundation for Individual Rights in Education 510 Walnut Street Suite 1250 Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Ms. Conza:

The California Institute of Technology ("Caltech") is committed to creating an environment where all members of our community are empowered to speak out about issues that are important to them and where diverse perspectives and ideas are heard. As part of its commitment, Caltech supports the Graduate Student Council ("GSC") and its mission of improving the academic, professional, and social experience of graduate students by building a diverse and vibrant community, which includes the implementation of funding guidelines that foster such diversity.

I can report that during my tenure as Dean of Graduate Studies, every student group requesting financial support for a student event has received such support. Furthermore, additional protocols have been instituted with respect to financial decisions to ensure that individuals from all backgrounds and with diverse perspectives may be heard. To that end, my office will continue to work with the GSC to ensure that diverse viewpoints are represented by speakers at Caltech.

David C. Chan

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