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Via Email (fire@thefire.org)

Haley Gluhanich
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Dear Ms. Gluhanich:

Thank you for your letter. We always welcome feedback on our processes, and we review them on an ongoing basis to evaluate their effectiveness and improve them.

It is important to understand that no one is being punished or investigated by the university for reading a book. Students at Stanford are free to read any book they wish to. We believe strongly in academic freedom and freedom of expression. Our processes in the university do not allow for the punishment of any protected speech, and there has been no such punishment in this case.

The university received a concern from a student organization regarding how an image shared on social media was being received by other students. At the request of the student organization, we have been engaged in conversation with a number of students, seeking to provide support and foster communication. The university has not mandated any meetings or discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Zumwalt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" being more prominent than the last name "Zumwalt".

Debra Zumwalt