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**VIA U.S. MAIL**

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**Re: January 31, 2023 Letter to The University of Alabama**

Dear Sabrina,

Thank you for sharing your concerns. As you acknowledge, the University has a right to investigate a potential violation of a University policy. While we have closely collaborated with FIRE in the past and appreciate your advocacy on this topic, the conclusion that the University's pronouncement was aimed at chilling speech is unfortunate and incorrect. Regardless, the University has a long history of promoting free expression opportunities for members of its campus community and will continue to foster a culture of open expression and engagement on campus.

Thank you again for your note and we look forward to future opportunities for productive collaboration.

Sincerely,



Robin H. Jones  
Chief University Counsel

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