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Letter from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, September 29, 2022

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Dear Mr. Piro:

We are responding to your September 29, 2022 letter to President Johnson expressing concern with a diversity statement requirement for some faculty positions at Ohio State. The university takes seriously its role in promoting and supporting public discourse and protecting the First Amendment right to free speech and expression on its campuses. Accordingly, we appreciate your letter and will review your concerns.

Sincerely,

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