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VIA U.S. FIRST CLASS MAIL AND EMAIL

Foundation of Individual Rights and Expression Attn: Haley Gluhanich (haley.gluhanich@thefire.org) 510 Walnut St, Suite 1250 Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re: Troy University

Dear Mx. Gluhanich:

Our firm represents Troy University. Your letter of April 20, 2023 addressed to Chancellor Hawkins has been referred to us for response. Please direct any further communication regarding this matter to our attention.

Upon review of the concerns raised in your letter and further inquiry from our office, we can assure you that Troy University supports the pursuit of ideas that expand knowledge and understanding of our world and society. Accordingly, academic freedom is a central pillar of Troy University's mission. The distinguished faculty of Troy University conduct research across diverse fields, including, but not limited to, economics, world affairs, material science and medicine. Troy University supports professors' research without influence or consideration of political factors.

Thank you for reaching out with your concerns and we hope this response resolves the matter to your satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Matthew M. Baker

cc: Chancellor Hawkins

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