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VIA E-MAIL

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Re: *The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga*

Mr. Greenburg,

Thank you for your letter of August 26, 2025. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga implemented a temporary pause on official fraternity and sorority events and activities to allow students, advisors, national partners, and the University to reflect and strengthen the systems, policies, and culture that ensure every student's safety. The University's goal is to support the Greek Life community so that it can continue to flourish and develop strong student leaders on campus.

The temporary pause pertains only to official events and activities of the organizations. Individual members and prospective members of the organizations are not prohibited from socializing and assembling with one another, engaging in political speech or activity, or wearing their Greek letters.

The brief moratorium is not, nor is intended to be, a disciplinary or punitive measure against the University's Greek Life organizations. The temporary pause allowed the University time to review its existing policies, strengthen risk management practices, and align those policies and practices with the expectations that are communicated to the Greek Life organizations on campus. The University initially established September 5 as the end date of the pause, but the University has completed its review, implementation, and communication of its updated procedures and expectations more quickly than anticipated. Accordingly, the University is ending the temporary pause effective tomorrow, September 3.

Thank you again for notifying us of your concerns. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me.

Cordially,



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