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Dear Mr. Lukianoff:

Thank you for writing expressing your views on the Program Finance Committee's (PFC) discussions about funding for the *Oregon Commentator*. As a former professor of constitutional law, I share your commitment to uphold the First Amendment.

You ask that I intercede in the PFC's deliberations and decision-making. I believe that would be unwise and premature. The student government process is in its early stages of making recommendations regarding the *Oregon Commentator* and other groups. There is substantial review before a final decision is made, including formal review by my office.

There is often considerable public discussion and deliberation as student government prepares funding recommendations. Such dialogue is an important part of the funding process. I have confidence the final decision regarding funding of the *Oregon Commentator* will be viewpoint neutral.

Sincerely,



Dave Frohnmayer
President

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