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Adam Kissel Director, Individuals Rights Defense Program Foundation for Individual Rights in Education 601 Walnut Street, Suite 510 Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Mr. Kissel,

Thank you for your letter of May 23, 2008. President Hennessy has forwarded it to me for response. There are a number of points of fact, law and policy stated in your letter with which the University is in general agreement; there are likewise, however, a number of points with which the University disagrees. In spite of the FERPA waiver you have provided, Stanford is not inclined to engage in a debate concerning these matters in regard to the School of Education's interactions with an incoming student. We do not believe that it would be particularly productive to do so.

We have no objection, however, to providing FIRE with our understanding of Ms. Kerr's status. As far as the School of Education at Stanford is concerned, Ms. Kerr has accepted Stanford's offer of admission and she is expected to begin her program towards an MA in Education and a preliminary single-subject California teaching credential on June 23, 2008.

Sincerely,

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cc: President John Hennessy Dean, Deborah Stipek

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