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Mr. Greg Lukianoff President Foundation for Individual Rights in Education 601 Walnut Street, Suite 510 Philadolphia, PA 19106

Dear Mr. Lukianoff:

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I am pleased to inform you that on Friday, March 16, the Student Organization Hearing Panel (SOHP) unanimously concluded that the College Republicans organization had not violated the Student Code of Conduct and that there were no grounds to support the student complaint lodged against them. As I wrote in my earlier letter to you, we see value in involving members of the campus community in upholding our principles. The SOHP panel did exactly this, reaffirming the primacy of our commitment to free speech, even when it is uncomfortable for some.

I also noted that we continually review our policies to see that they are working as intended to maintain and advance our values. It is clear that in one respect, the SOHP policy did not work well. I consider the time that elapsed between the lodging of the complaint and the resolution of the matter unacceptable, and we have already made a change to rectify that problem. We are also looking more comprehensively at the policy.

While this concludes the particular matter involving the College Republicans, I can assure you that we will continue to work actively to preserve a climate that is receptive to vigorous free expression by all members of our exceedingly diverse campus community.

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