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Dear Presidents, Chancellors, and Staff,

On August 14, 2015, your institution received a letter from the Committee regarding your school's "red light" rating from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education ("FIRE"). The Committee requested a response to the letter by August 28, 2015.

According to FIRE, a "red light" institution "is one that has at least one policy that both clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech." FIRE defines a "clear" restriction as a policy that on its face is a threat to free speech and "does not depend on how the policy is applied." FIRE defines a "substantial" restriction as a policy that is "broadly applicable" to speech on campus.

Since August, the Committee has received responses from more than 100 public colleges and universities. Your institution is among the small number of institutions that has not yet responded. The Committee again requests a response on this important matter.

Please have your staff respond no later than February 25, 2016.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte
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