



**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**  
Office of the General Counsel

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Dr. Jim Purcell, Executive Director  
Alabama Commission on Higher Education  
P.O. Box 302000  
Montgomery, AL 36130-2000

Dear Dr. Purcell:

I write in response to your office's email dated August 1, 2024, regarding freedom of speech on university campuses in Alabama.

Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery are committed to the principles of free expression and the rights afforded by the First Amendment. The robust exchange of ideas and dissemination of knowledge are essential to Auburn and AUM's mission of excellence in teaching, research, and outreach. Accordingly, on behalf of our Board of Trustees, I am pleased to report that both University communities continue to welcome and encourage free expression on our campuses, and that we have not encountered any violations or disciplinary incidents relating to our free speech policies over the past year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Jaime S. Hammer  
General Counsel

cc: Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, President  
Dr. Carl A. Stockton, Chancellor