



AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Mr. Jim Purcell  
Executive Director  
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P. O. Box 302000  
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Mr. Purcell:

I write in response to your email dated August 31, 2022, regarding freedom of speech on university campuses in Alabama.

Auburn University is 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's mission of excellence in teaching, research, and outreach. Accordingly, on behalf of our Board of Trustees, I am pleased to report that the Auburn community continues to welcome and encourage free expression on our campus, 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.

Regards,

Ronald L. Burgess, Jr.  
*Lieutenant General, US Army, Retired*  
Executive Vice President