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Chancellor Randolph Woodson
North Carolina State University
Office of the Chancellor
Box 2617
Raleigh, North Carolina 27697

Sent via U.S. Mail and Facsimile (919-831-3545)

Dear Chancellor Woodson,

As you can see from our list of Directors and Board of Advisors FIRE unites civil rights and civil liberties leaders scholars journalists and public intellectuals across the political and ideological spectrum on behalf of liberty due process legal equality voluntary association religious liberty and freedom of speech on America's college campuses Our website thefire.org will give you a greater sense of our identity and activities

FIRE is concerned about the threat to free speech posed by North Carolina State University's NC State's recent adoption of a Civility Statement for students living in the university's residence halls In its present form the Civility Statement chills speech in NC State's residence halls and on the campus as a whole and pressures NC State Resident Assistants RAs to violate the rights of the students under their supervision The mere existence of such a policy not only betrays First Amendment freedoms that NC State as a public university is legally bound to protect but also undermines the mission of an institution presumptively committed to intellectual rigor robust debate and a free and vibrant community We write you today to urge you to cure the defects in this policy

This is our understanding of the facts Please inform us if you believe we are in error

NC State's Civility Statement states that "[t]he privilege of living on campus comes with responsibilities for personal behaviors regarding others in the community and requires that campus residents must be civil with each other The state mandates that residents change any behavior that does not support our community expectations and further dictates,

As a member of our residential community students will,

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