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Sent via U.S. Mail and Facsimile (814-863-8583)

Dear President Spanier:

Thank you for your timely and thoughtful response to FIRE's letter of December 9, 2008.

FIRE very much appreciates the commitment to individual liberties on campus demonstrated by your decision to clarify the purely aspirational nature of the Penn State Principles. It is our strong belief that doing so allows for the happy coexistence of both the admirable values expressed by the Principles and the constitutional freedoms Penn State must guarantee to all students.

Your leadership here sets a sterling example, one that we at FIRE can only hope will be emulated at public universities across the country in 2009. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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