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## The Senate of Maryland

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President William Brody  
John Hopkins University  
Office of the President  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Dear President Brody,

Johns Hopkins University has an excellent reputation throughout the state of Maryland, and indeed the entire world. A distinguished graduate of your university, Dr. Morton Mower, recently brought to my attention the unfair treatment of a conservative campus newspaper.

I was very distraught over hearing that a school newspaper, *The Carrollton Record*, was punished by the administration for criticizing a recent pornographic event. I have also learned that the paper was removed from the campus dormitories at the request of the school's administration.

I have taken the liberty to share Dr. Mower's concern with a number of other John Hopkins graduates, including my wife, and they all share his serious objections to the university's treatments of this newspaper.

It is true that *The Carrollton Record* was banned for purely political reasons. I must ask: why would such a stellar university, one epitomizing American values, condone such an action that is so contrary to those values?

Free speech, political or otherwise, needs safeguards to ensure that opposing viewpoints are given a fair hearing.

I have not found any justification for *The Carrollton Record* being banned in dormitories on campus.

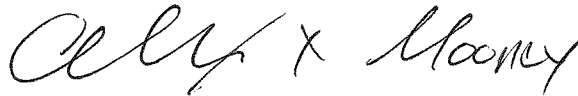
As Martin Luther King boldly proclaimed, "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Colleges and Universities are forums of modern thought. Even when students opinions may differ from that of professors or that of the administration it should not be silenced. Students should learn to interact with diverse viewpoints and silencing one political viewpoint harms the academic environment.

I request a response explaining why the administration is taking this action. I also request the administration to amend its unfair treatment of the *Carrollton Record* campus newspaper.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex X. Mooney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "X" in the middle.

Senator Alex X. Mooney  
Frederick & Washington Counties