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Chancellor Steve Ballard Trustees Chairman Robert V. Lucas
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Dear Chancellor Ballard and Chairman Lucas,

The Student Press Law Center is a nonprofit source of research, information and advocacy in support of the student media nationwide. The SPLC monitors and reports on the well-being ofthe

replete with instances of advisers who have been discharged. demoted or transferred for no greater “offense” than standing up for the editorial autonomy oftheir students. In just the past year, we have witnessed nakedly

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