

November 19, 2025

Taryn Cooper, M.A.
Manager and Executive Secretary
University Senate
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
335 George Street, Suite 1250
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Dear Ms. Cooper:

Thank you for sharing the University Senate's Resolution in Support of Academic Freedom and Free Expression. I appreciate knowing that the Senate shares the university's commitment to these values as enshrined in university policy and displayed prominently on our Free Expression website.

By now you are aware that I have published an op-ed on nj.com (<https://www.nj.com/opinion/2025/10/rutgers-president-cancel-culture-is-not-an-antidote-universities-must-keep-free-speech.html>) that speaks about a university's responsibility "to protect the conditions for inquiry and debate ... by modeling the free exchange of ideas, upholding the law, and fostering a secure environment for teaching and research."

Warm regards,



William F. Tate IV

c: Lucille Foster, University Senate Chair