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The present or future punishment of Professor Kirstein establishes principles catastrophic for a free people: that repression of protected free speech and its attendant passions is warranted at times of public controversy or dependent upon the side of the political spectrum from which it emanates; that professors, expressing themselves outside the classroom on matters of intense public passion, should have less freedom of expression than their peers in civil society; and that the momentary gratification of the punishment of speech that one finds uncivil, cruel, or self-indulgent outweighs the moral truth that freedom of speech is not a tactic, but a way of being human. Do not visit such principles upon those of us who labor on behalf of the core values of a free people and the lifting of the shadow of coercive orthodoxy from American academic life. Saint Xavier University knows better. American campuses need *more* intellectual pluralism and more unfettered expression, not less. Until that greater pluralism occurs, let us preserve, not destroy, the freedom that is its natural and essential soil.

With sincerest regards, and looking forward to your reassurances,

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