



**Foundation for Individual Rights in Education**

601 Walnut Street, Suite 510 • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106  
T 215-717-3473 • F 215-717-3440 • fire@thefire.org • www.thefire.org

Greg Lukianoff  
PRESIDENT

Robert L. Shibley  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

William Creeley  
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND  
PUBLIC ADVOCACY

Adam Kissel  
VICE PRESIDENT OF  
PROGRAMS

Alan Charles Kors  
CO-FOUNDER AND  
CHAIRMAN EMERITUS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Harvey A. Silverglate  
CO-FOUNDER AND  
CHAIRMAN

Barbara Bishop  
William J. Hume  
Richard Losick  
Joseph M. Maline  
Marlene Mieske  
Daphne Patai  
Virginia Postrel  
Daniel Shuchman

BOARD OF ADVISORS

Lloyd Buchanan  
T. Kenneth Cribb, Jr.  
Candace de Russy  
William A. Dunn  
Benjamin F. Hammond  
Nat Hentoff  
Roy Innis  
Wendy Kammer  
Woody Kaplan  
Leonard Liggio  
Herbert London  
Peter L. Malkin  
Muriel Morisey  
Steven Pinker  
Milton Rosenberg  
John R. Searle  
Christina Hoff Sommers

November 12, 2019

Chancellor Randolph Woodson  
North Carolina State University  
Office of the Chancellor  
Box 2617  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27697

*Sent via U.S. Mail and Facsimile (919-831-3545)*

Dear Chancellor Woodson,

As you can see from our list of Directors and Board of Advisors FIRE unites civil rights and civil liberties leaders scholars journalists and public intellectuals across the political and ideological spectrum on behalf of liberty due process legal equality voluntary association religious liberty and freedom of speech on America's college campuses Our website thefire.org will give you a greater sense of our identity and activities

FIRE is concerned about the threat to free speech posed by North Carolina State University's NC State's recent adoption of a Civility Statement for students living in the university's residence halls In its present form the Civility Statement chills speech in NC State's residence halls and on the campus as a whole and pressures NC State Resident Assistants RAs to violate the rights of the students under their supervision The mere existence of such a policy not only betrays First Amendment freedoms that NC State as a public university is legally bound to protect but also undermines the mission of an institution presumptively committed to intellectual rigor robust debate and a free and vibrant community We write you today to urge you to cure the defects in this policy

This is our understanding of the facts Please inform us if you believe we are in error

NC State's Civility Statement states that "[t]he privilege of living on campus comes with responsibilities for personal behaviors regarding others in the community and requires that campus residents must be civil with each other The state mandates that residents change any behavior that does not support our community expectations and further dictates,

As a member of our residential community students will,







Timothy R. Luckadoo Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs North Carolina State  
University  
Susan Grant Director University Housing North Carolina State University