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Dear President Levin

Once again thank you for your January reply to FIRE's concerns about Yale's commitment to freedom of expression. Unfortunately I write today with renewed concern. We sympathize with Yale's need to address the threat to federal funding posed by a complaint filed regarding ongoing matters the university's response to a satirical student cartoon directed at no one in particular. Freedom of expression, however, is Yale's paramount obligation according to the cartoonist's question: "protected against official punishment." Please give us the opportunity to persuade you to reverse the punishment of this protected speech and if necessary to stand firm against federal pressure to punish protected expression at Yale.

Since the university committee as reported on the report of the Committee on Freedom of Expression at Yale known as the Woodward report will

are important values of institutions may properly assign the highest and not merely a subordinate priority and a good university will see and pay no insignificant measure attention to these ends. But it

From the literature advantage of going back is obvious that the performance



leaves the government in control of a lot of the institutions of culture the great  
censor and director of what thoughts are good for us

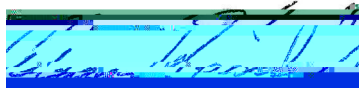
*American Boos vs Human Rights* by Fred Cray a

As far as double standards operating in the present

development for our nation such pressure exceeds the legitimate powers of the government and  
university such as Yale should consider challenging the overreach of power in the courts. FIRE  
would support Yale were it to take such a courageous and principled step. Universities must be  
free to decide that free speech should prevail over the obligation and to vote by that decision.

FIRE requests a response by July 10.

Sincerely,

A redacted signature consisting of a solid black rectangular box covering the name and any handwritten notes.

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