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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your letter of May 30, in which you seek clarification of a statement in my May 5 letter to Judith Wegner concerning the importance of academic freedom. Though I have received a number of thoughtful comments about the letter, you are the first to ask for clarification of this point, which I believe expresses a belief that defines Carolina and has been widely held here for generations: That is, that no individual or group – on or off campus – should be allowed to obstruct the academic freedom of our faculty.

This cherished principle applies to all of our donors and potential donors, and everyone associated with Carolina, including me. I trust that all of you share this belief and that we can work together to ensure that our campus remains a place in which a wide variety of faculty intellectual views can flourish.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Gray-Little

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cc: Chancellor James Moeser
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