

May 5, 2017

Sarah McLaughlin
FIRE
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Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

Regis University is in receipt of your March 22, 2017 and April 14, 2017 letters. Regis University will not comment further on Alex Beck's bake sale.

However, we will address FIRE's alleged concerns as to whether Regis University permits free speech.

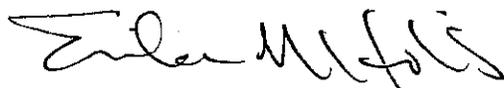
Regis University is a private Jesuit, Catholic university. Accordingly, the University is not subject the first amendment protections you cite in your letter. Rather each student, electing to attend Regis University, agrees to abide by the University Standard of Conduct.

The Standard of Conduct includes embracing and honoring the traditions of honesty, freedom of expression and open inquiry. Students are also required to abide by the university's rules related to becoming a recognized student organizations, holding protests and tabling events.

In addition, the Standard of Conduct, expects each student to tolerate and respect the different backgrounds, religious traditions, personalities and beliefs of the students, faculty and staff that make up the Regis community. Similarly, the university prohibits any Regis University community member, including students, from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, veteran status, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information or any other legally protected status.

In sum, Regis University students are welcome to engage in freedom of expression so long as they follow the University's rules.

Sincerely,



Erika M. Hollis
Vice President and General Counsel