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Peter Bonilla
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Dear Mr. Bonilla:

President Simon asked that I respond to your recent letter to Michigan State University dated October 19, 2012.

The ASMSU funding board met on October 23, 2012 to review its earlier determination and has approved the funding request from the MSU College Libertarians.

Consistent with our legal obligations, it is my expectation that ASMSU will fund student groups in a content and viewpoint neutral manner under the First Amendment. The leaders of ASMSU have made a commitment to review the associated codes and documents and my office will continue to work with the student leaders to assure that the student government's funding policies and practices conform to these expectations.

I believe this matter was an anomaly in the funding process and provided a valuable "teachable moment" for our students.

Sincerely,



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