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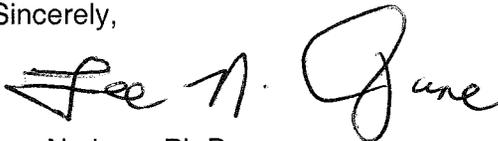
Dear Mr. Lukianoff:

I write in response to your correspondence originally addressed to President Lou Anna K. Simon regarding concerns about the Student Accountability in Community Program (SAC) at Michigan State University (MSU). We have conducted a review, as promised, and below, I will outline our findings and conclusions.

In our review, we examined various materials, conferred with staff, reviewed the Student Life website, looked at how the program has actually operated, and consulted with legal counsel. MSU does not have a speech code. However, based on our review, we saw the need to immediately adjust who is authorized to refer a student to the SAC program. For the past two years, the program has been exclusively used by the Judicial Affairs office as a sanction that may be applied in the remediation phase of student judicial proceedings. For those students who have been sanctioned through the judicial process, we see no problem in their participating in the SAC program. Nevertheless, in the future, students will not be required to enter this program as the only sanction for a violation but it will be offered as an option. Students who were not faced with a disciplinary sanction have not been referred to the SAC program for more than two years now, and this practice will not occur in the future.

We found no basis for believing that the program has employed offensive tactics. SAC program activities have not entailed calling upon participants to adopt specified responses in given situations. Rather, the program allows student participants to explore alternative responses to challenging interpersonal situations they may face. The idea is to enhance understanding within our community, not to force any given behavior. Finally, we are updating the Student Life website to more accurately describe the nature of the program and to reflect the changes referenced in this letter.

Sincerely,



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