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Governor Dan K. Moore
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Governor Moore:

I want to express to you my deep disappointment that the General Assembly under your leadership has not rescinded or modified the Speaker Ban Law, a measure which the faculty of East Carolina College has virtually unanimously condemned. To maintain this law bespeaks a failure to understand the crucial importance in our educational system of freedom of speech and inquiry. I am therefore deeply concerned over the future health of our system of higher education, which in the past has been so justly admired by the nation.

I hope that the study commission which you propose to establish will quickly act to help us regain the freedom which we have lost. I am sure that our faculty will be glad to cooperate with the commission to attain this end.

Sincerely,

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Chairman of the Faculty
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