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Mr. Jim Purcell
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Alabama Commission on Higher Education
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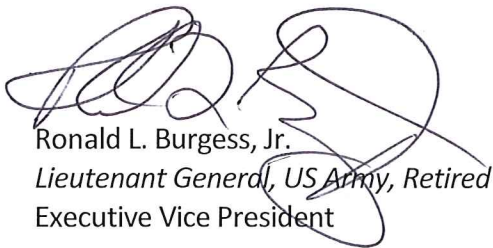
Dear Mr. Purcell:

I write in response to your letter of May 19, 2021, regarding freedom of speech on university campuses in Alabama.

Auburn University is committed to the principles of free expression and the rights afforded by the First Amendment. The robust exchange of ideas and dissemination of knowledge are essential to Auburn's mission of excellence in teaching, research and outreach. Accordingly, on behalf of our Board of Trustees, I am pleased to report that the Auburn community continues to welcome and encourage free expression on our campus, and that we have not encountered any violations or disciplinary incidents relating to our free speech policies over the past year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Regards,



Ronald L. Burgess, Jr.
Lieutenant General, US Army, Retired
Executive Vice President