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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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Via Email

Re: Response to Upcoming Event on March 13, 2024 – Michael Knowles at Wisconsin Union

Attorney Lennington,

I am responding to your letter dated March 8, 2024 regarding the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) speaker event with Michael Knowles that is currently planned for March 13, 2024.

UW-Madison is a fierce supporter of the exchange of ideas generated by registered student organizations bringing speakers of diverse viewpoints to campus and has provided significant support for past YAF events. While the university disputes many of the positions you assert in your letter, the timing of your expressed concerns in relation to the event leaves little opportunity for debate on the matter without negatively impacting the proposed event.

Solely to ensure that the speaker event moves forward in this tight timeframe, the contract is being revised to remove charges for costs related to the extensive security protocols including those that YAF specifically requested and agreed to pay for, as well as those identified by UWPD as appropriate. The revised contract will be sent to YAF today. Provided the revised contract is signed and returned by Tuesday, March 12, this event can move forward as planned.

Sincerely,

Nancy K. Lynch
Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs