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Dear Members of the House Committee on Education & the Workforce,

I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of the “Freedom of Association in Higher Education Act of 2025.” H.R. 2555 is a crucial piece of legislation addressing pressing concerns regarding freedom of association on college and university campuses nationwide.

As an advocate for responsible governance, academic quality, and viewpoint diversity in higher education, the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal is deeply committed to ensuring that our academic institutions remain bastions of free association. However, recent trends indicate a troubling erosion of these fundamental principles within our institutions of higher learning.

The “Freedom of Association in Higher Education Act of 2025” is essential because it reaffirms and protects the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, particularly on college campuses, where free association should be most vigorously defended.

Too often, American colleges and universities restrict the essential First Amendment protections that all students should enjoy. Many colleges and universities ban or penalize membership in single-gender social organizations, forcing clubs to either go co-ed or lose official university recognition.

The “Freedom of Association in Higher Education Act of 2025” addresses this critical issue, providing much-needed guidance and protection for students seeking to form single-sex student organizations.

As members of the House Committee on Education & the Workforce, you have a unique opportunity to champion this important cause and safeguard the foundational principles of our democracy. I hope you will carefully consider the “Freedom of Association in Higher Education Act of 2025.”

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 919-523-1765 or jarobinson@jamesgmartin.center.

Sincerely,



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