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Dr. Teresa A. Sullivan
President
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Dear President Sullivan:


The American Association of University Professors is delighted to join in commending and congratulating you on how well you have prevailed over the tumultuous events of the past few weeks.

As stated in AAUP President Rudy Fichtenbaum's June 21 letter to the members of the Board of Visitors, we have authorized an investigation of the matter. Among the hundreds of investigations the AAUP has undertaken over the near century of its existence, a handful have been the subject of reports on cases with happy endings. We see what UVA has experienced as belonging in that handful, and we intend to proceed with an investigation and report that will focus on an assessment from AAUP's standpoint of the vital issues that have been aired at UVA and that confront all our major universities.

The investigating committee will be staffed by my colleague Robert Kreiser, from whom you and other concerned parties will be hearing once we are able to make known the identity of the committee members and when we would like to schedule a committee visit to Charlottesville.

All good wishes to you with the challenges that lie ahead.

Sincerely,


Jordan E. Kurland
Associate General Secretary

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