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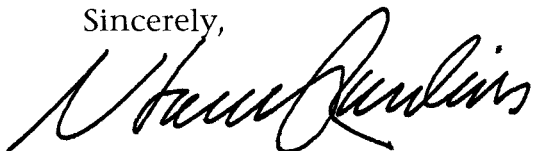
Mr. Robert L. Shibley
Foundation for Individual Rights in Education
210 West Washington Square, Suite 303
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Mr. Shibley:

Thank you for your letter dated June 17, 2005. I appreciate your interest in Washington State University (WSU) and specifically your concern with free speech. I assure you that WSU, my administration, and I are committed to everyone's exercise of all of their human rights at WSU, including free speech, without fear of unlawful obstruction by anyone. This is a fundamental at any university in a free society, as it is throughout the entire society.

I will be sharing your letter with other members of my administration and the Office of the Attorney General for further consideration. One of them may supplement this reply in the near future. I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss your concerns.

Sincerely,



V. Lane Rawlins
President

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