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Kevin V. Schieffer
President
South Dakota Board of Regents
306 E. Capital Ave, Ste. 200
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear President Schieffer,

I write to express the National Association of Scholars' support for your decision "to ensure that existing university diversity centers are balanced and focused on promoting and enhancing cultural diversity, and that they are not pushing excess liberal or extreme ideological agendas." ("Schieffer: Intellectual diversity — moving SD universities forward," *Aberdeen News*, July 17, 2019.)

The NAS stands staunchly against the politicization of the academy, and we applaud your work to do the same. Diversity bureaucracies nationwide, including in South Dakota, are deeply rooted in extreme ideological agendas, as NAS has documented for well over a decade. Yet the NAS supports attempts to reform diversity bureaucracies. If they prove successful, we are glad to learn from what works. While we will continue to press for more thoroughgoing actions against diversity bureaucracies nationwide, and in South Dakota, we welcome your initial action and wish you all success in the endeavor. If we can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Yours sincerely,



Peter W. Wood
President
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