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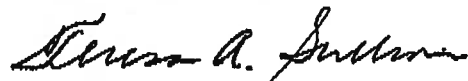
Dear Messrs. and Mmes.:

This will respond to your letter of April 14, 2011, submitted on behalf not just of the AAUP, but also the Alliance for Justice, the ACLU of Virginia, the Center for Inquiry, Climate Science Watch, the Council of Environmental Deans and Directors, the National Coalition Against Censorship, the National Council for Science and the Environment, People for the American Way, Robert O'Neil as Director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, the Ornithological Council, and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

As you know, as evidenced by its opposition to the Civil Investigative Demands issued by Virginia's Attorney General, the University of Virginia is quite conscious of the academic freedom interests about which you express concern. Academic freedom issues are certainly part of the analytic framework the University's Office of General Counsel is bringing to its review of documents potentially responsive to the request about which you inquire. It is my understanding that all available exemptions in Virginia's Freedom of Information Act will be claimed in our response. We are also keenly aware of the constraints imposed on disclosure by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and other provisions of federal and state law to which Virginia's Freedom of Information Act is explicitly subject.

While the University is, of course, committed to complying with the requirements of law, I wish to reassure you that this commitment will be carried out to the fullest extent possible consistent with the interests of faculty in academic freedom and scholarship.

Very truly yours,



Teresa A. Sullivan
President

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cc: Mr. Richard Kast
Ms. Carol Wood