



December 10, 2019

Via Email Only (Denise.burch@governor.virginia.gov)

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam
Governor of Virginia
c/o Denise Burch
Confidential Assistant to the Governor's Chief of Staff

Via Email Only (DelDBell@house.virginia.gov)

Delegate Richard P. "Dickie" Bell
Vice-Chairman of the House Committee on Education
Virginia House of Delegates

Via Email Only (district23@senate.virginia.gov)

Senator Stephen D. Newman
Chairman of the Committee on Education and Health
Senate of Virginia

Dear Governor Northam, Delegate Bell, and Senator Newman:

Pursuant to Va. Code § 23.1-401.1, James Madison University ("JMU") submits this report to you regarding its compliance with that statute.

JMU's policy regarding speech that is constitutionally protected as well as the process to report incidents of disruption of such constitutionally protected speech may be viewed here: [JMU Policy 1121](#).

I hereby certify that JMU has complied with the provisions of the statute. Further, I certify that I am unaware of any complaint that was filed in a court of law since December 1, 2018, to initiate a lawsuit against JMU or an employee of JMU in his or her official capacity for an alleged violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments at 540-568-5242 or via email at knigh2jf@jmu.edu.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JFK", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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