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The Honorable Glenn A. Youngkin Governor of Virginia c/o Juliana Thomas Confidential Executive Assistant to Governor Glenn A. Youngkin Juliana.Thomas@governor.Virginia.gov

The Honorable G. John Avoli Vice Chair, House Education Committee DelJAvoli@house.virginia.gov

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas Chair, Senate Education & Health Committee District18@senate.virginia.gov

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Sent Via Electronic Mail

Re: Report on George Mason University s Compliance with Va. Code §23.1-401.1

Dear Governor Youngkin, Delegate Avoli and Senator Lucas:

Pursuant to Va. Code § 23.1-401.1, George Mason University ("Mason") submits this report regarding its compliance with that statute. Attached is a copy of Mason's policies related to constitutionally protected speech.

Mason has also created a web page, <u>http://www2.gmu.edu/1stAmendment</u>, where these policies can be found along with other materials developed by Mason related to constitutionally protected speech.

Mason also certifies that it complies with Section C of the statute by sending an email to all Mason faculty annually informing them of the above-referenced web page. Mason informed all incoming

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students of this web page and presented materials related to constitutionally protected speech during orientation.

Finally, there have been no complaints filed in a court of law since December 1, 2022 to initiate a lawsuit against Mason or employees of Mason in their official capacity for an alleged violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

You are welcome to contact Elizabeth Woodly, University Ethics Officer and Outside Interests Manager (<u>ewoodley@gmu.edu</u>) if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Megan Healy

Interim Chief of Staff

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