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Via U.S. Mail and Email

Mr. Thomas Skinner, General Counsel
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RE: Chaplains for the LSU Tigers Football Team

Dear Mr. Skinner,

This correspondence follows the legal information letter you were sent today from our colleagues at the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) concerning the above-captioned matter. We were copied on that letter because we worked with ADF in preparing and submitting it. As you know, our letter explains in detail why the recent claim and demands by the Freedom from Religion Foundation (FFRF)—that the LSU football team’s chaplain activities are unconstitutional—has no merit. This second letter is to affirm that our organization offers our legal services to LSU in this matter *pro bono*.

Freedom Guard is a not-for-profit public interest law firm headquartered in Louisiana and dedicated to the defense of religious liberty and traditional American values in the courts and in the court of public opinion. Our organization exists to educate citizens and the government about important constitutional rights, particularly the freedom of religious expression. Over the past two decades, our attorneys have successfully litigated these issues on behalf of religious persons and organizations in federal and state courts nationwide and throughout Louisiana, and we have also been called upon frequently to assist and successfully defend the State of Louisiana and its various divisions against numerous high-profile court challenges.

Please know that if LSU agrees to maintain and defend its long-cherished chaplains tradition, and FFRF or any other group presents a legal challenge as a result, I and my colleagues at Freedom Guard will be delighted to lead or help defend LSU and its personnel in the matter free of charge.

Thank you for your dedicated work on behalf of our beloved university. As an alum of both LSU and the LSU Law School, and a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, this ridiculous threat by FFRF hits particularly close to home to me. I am anxious to help as needed.

Sincerely yours,



Mike Johnson
CEO and Chief Counsel

cc: Dr. F. King Alexander, LSU President
Mr. Travis Barham, ADF Legal Counsel

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