

Mr. Paul J. Forch, Esq.
General Counsel
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Dear Mr. Forch:

I am writing on behalf of the Virginia Association of Scholars, an affiliate of the National Association of Scholars, and an organization of academics, administrators, graduate students and others devoted to traditional liberal education and academic freedom. As state residents, and pursuant to the Virginia Public Records Act, we respectfully request all documents at the University of Virginia responsive to the requests described below:

- (1) We want to ascertain whether University of Virginia considers race and ethnicity in making student admissions decisions. Do you? If you are not willing to answer that question directly, then we respectfully request any documents you have that discuss the use or nonuse of race and ethnicity by the university in making admission decisions.
- (2) As you may know, the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that, before race and ethnicity can be used in its admissions decisions, a school must give “serious, good faith consideration of workable race-neutral alternatives” to achieving the goals that are purportedly being achieved by weighing race and ethnicity in admissions decisions. Accordingly, we respectfully request any documents you have that discuss your university’s consideration of such alternatives, including any reason for not adopting such alternatives. An example would be documentation of how the educational benefits of considering race and ethnicity in admissions would be greater than the educational benefits of considering other, non-racial/ethnic factors instead. We likewise respectfully request any documents you have that discuss (a) *why* and (b) *how* race and ethnicity are considered in student admissions at the University of Virginia, including any time limitations on those considerations.
- (3) Finally, we also request any documents you have that discuss (a) the anticipated *benefits* and (b) the possible *costs* associated with the consideration of race and ethnicity in student admissions at your university, including with regard to the latter any documents that discuss the relative academic performance (including but not limited to grades, graduation, and changing majors) of members of groups that have received such favorable consideration.

Because this information is sought on behalf of a nonprofit organization and will be used only for noncommercial and educational purposes in the public interest, we also respectfully request a waiver of any applicable fees.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

David Armor, Ph. D

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Dr. Kenneth Michael Walker
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Dear Dr Walker:

I am writing on behalf of the Connecticut Association of Scholars, an affiliate of the National Association of Scholars, and an organization of academics, administrators, graduate students and others devoted to traditional liberal education and academic freedom. As state residents, and pursuant to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, we respectfully request all documents at the University of Connecticut responsive to the requests described below:

- (1) We want to ascertain whether the University of Connecticut considers race and ethnicity in making student admissions decisions. Do you? If you are not willing to answer that question directly, then we respectfully request any documents you have that discuss the use or nonuse of race and ethnicity by the university in making admission decisions.
- (2) As you may know, the U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that, before race and ethnicity can be used in its admissions decisions, a school must give “serious, good faith consideration of workable race-neutral alternatives” to achieving the goals that are purportedly being achieved by weighing race and ethnicity in admissions decisions. Accordingly, we respectfully request any documents you have that discuss your university’s consideration of such alternatives, including any reason for not adopting such alternatives. An example would be documentation of how the educational benefits of considering race and ethnicity in admissions would be greater than the educational benefits of considering other, non-racial/ethnic factors instead. We likewise respectfully request any documents you have that discuss (a) *why* and (b) *how* race and ethnicity are considered in student admissions at the University of Connecticut, including any time limitations on those considerations.
- (3) Finally, we also request any documents you have that discuss (a) the anticipated *benefits* and (b) the possible *costs* associated with the consideration of race and ethnicity in student admissions at your university, including with regard to the latter any documents that discuss the relative academic performance (including but not limited to grades, graduation, and changing majors) of members of groups that have received such favorable consideration.

Because this information is sought on behalf of a nonprofit organization and will be used only for noncommercial and educational purposes in the public interest, we also respectfully request a waiver of any applicable fees.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Jay Bergman, Ph. D

President

cc: Dr. Susan Herbst

Mr. Richard F. Orr, Esq. General Counsel