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Dear Hoosier Representatives,

The attached request to Purdue University to cease and desist investigating me for my freedom of speech from the **Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE)** is informing you of Purdue University's actions, which are diminishing the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the First Article of the Indiana Constitution. I am writing this to inform and beseech you to act by informing Purdue University that violations of the U.S. and Indiana Constitutions by administrators (who are quasi-State employees) will not be tolerated by a State funded institution.

As the **FIRE** communication indicates, whatever decision Purdue University arrives at, the University has already achieved its goal of dampening free speech. As the letter indicates, as of today, I will be under investigation for three months -- and about what? I offended someone by my right to freedom of speech. There is nothing that I have said that is either not factually true (e.g., a radical Islamist group did kill Christians in Nigeria) or is a point of academic debate (e.g., do moderate Muslims do enough to criticize their own radical elements). Purdue University is on the list of universities with speech codes and procedures that are the most anti-First Amendment in the Country <u>http://thefire.org/spotlight/speechcodes/2012</u>. You all remember the embarrassment Indiana suffered at the actions of the administrators at IUPUI against a student/janitor solely for reading a book, which they judged inappropriate reading. It was **FIRE** who came to the student's defense; you can see a video about this issue here <u>http://thefire.org/article/13626.html</u>. In the past, when **FIRE** indicated to Purdue University that it was ignoring the Bill of Rights, President Jischke acknowledged the "mistake" and apologized for the University and corrected its actions. This is not what is occurring in my situation.

Why is Purdue willing to move in this direction? The answer is twofold. First, this is an attack that is reserved for any, or the few, conservative/Republicans on campus -- especially in the humanities and social sciences. The accusations made against me are because I present and boldly speak of conservative points of view, period. My liberal colleague can write in the local newspaper that "the American military are the angels of death" and there is no complaint. I write on my Facebook that we should cease trade with China and I am anti-Asian. Second, Purdue University is anti-Israel and this is what it promotes in a variety of ways. I am one of the few, if only, outspoken pro-Israel faculty member (I am also Israeli -- I am a naturalized U.S. citizen). As a direct opposite to Indiana University, Purdue University will not allow any institution to institution activities between itself and ANY Israeli institute. But, there is no problem with having programs with Jordan, Egypt, Cuba, etc.

Purdue University is promoting these anti-American, certainly anticonservative, ideas with Hoosier tax money that each of you approves every two years. It is time to stop any money to Purdue until it decides that America does come first in its values.

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"So much of what we call management consists in making it difficult for people to work." - Peter F. Drucker