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Dear Regent Clare,

As a former student of the University (M.A. & Ph.D.), a former lecturer at UNL, and as a native & resident of our great state, I urge you to honor the University's commitment to providing a thorough education to our students and honoring academic freedom--the foundation of any educational institution-- by voting against the upcoming resolution that opposes the teaching and discussion of critical race theory at the University.

Last week, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark Milley powerfully defended the right—and responsibility—to include critical race theory to our military. Milley drew on history from the Civil War to the January 6th insurrection to explain how important it is for all of us to educate our students and ourselves on the ideas that animate discussion in America.

Section 2 of our University's founding Charter states that "The object of such institution shall be to afford to the inhabitants of this State, the means of acquiring *a thorough* knowledge of the various branches of literature, science and the arts." Let's not let our students, our residents—and our founders—down. I urge you to oppose the resolution to limit academic freedom and deny students the knowledge they need to be contributing citizens to our state and to our great nation.

Thank you.

Mary K Stillwell