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From: Tim Borstelmann [Redacted]
Date: Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 9:49 AM
Subject: Critical Race Theory Resolution
To: <president@nebraska.edu>, <rgreen@unl.edu>, <pkenney@nebraska.edu>

Dear Chairman Kenney, President Carter, and Chancellor Green,

I am writing to you today to express my concern over Regent Pillen's proposed resolution concerning Critical Race Theory. Attempting to limit for political reasons what material faculty can or cannot teach is a clear violation of the principles of academic freedom and a violation of the Board of Regent Bylaws.

As a historian, I find the misuse of the term "Critical Race Theory" to be grounded in ignorance and aimed primarily for political purpose. The history of race in the United States and the world has been central to my own award-winning research and award-winning teaching. Indeed, UNL recruited me in 2002 from Cornell University, where I was a tenured full professor, specifically because of that research and teaching. I would never have left the Ivy League for UNL--where I have been very happy--had the University of Nebraska then engaged in the kind of radical miseducation and control of memory proposed in Regent Pillen's resolution.

Our very reputation as a serious university is now on the line.

I urge you and the Board to dismiss this resolution from the Board's consideration entirely.

Sincerely,

Tim Borstelmann

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