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Re: University of North Texas System's "Pause" on Drag Performances

Dear Ms. Nordstrom, Mr. Klosterboer, and Ms. Kempf,

On August 14, 2025, the University of North Texas President, Harrison Keller, received your letter urging the University of North Texas System to rescind its March 28, 2025, "pause" on drag performances.

In March of this year, Chancellor Williams directed that all UNT System institutions temporarily pause the performance of any drag shows on state-owned and funded facilities and campuses until a definitive ruling regarding differing federal district court opinions in pending litigation provided the necessary guidance. On August 18, 2025, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling in the appeal of *Spectrum, et al v. Wendler, et al*, out of the Northern District of Texas, and therefore the UNT System's temporary pause on drag performances has ended.

Respectfully,



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