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Dear Lauren,

Thank you for sharing your perspectives with me. Freedom of expression is a foundational principle at Yale. The Woodward Report, issued nearly a half-century ago, makes clear that we have “the right to think the unthinkable, discuss the unmentionable, and challenge the unchallengeable.” One of my Opening Assembly addresses, which I have enclosed for you, celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the Woodward Report, and I look forward to the report’s fiftieth anniversary.

Today’s students, faculty, and staff model how controversial and conflicting views can be discussed openly and civilly in the classroom and through programs like Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis’s “Dean’s Dialogues” series. Independent Yale groups have invited prominent speakers with widely different political views to campus. In recent years, such speakers have included Senator Ted Cruz and Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton, John Kerry, and Mike Pompeo. In my time at Yale, I am not aware of a single event ever being canceled because of the speaker’s views.

I appreciate you taking the time to write and send best wishes to you from campus.

Sincerely,



Peter Salovey
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