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Mr. Carlos Villarreal
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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
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Dear Mr. Villarreal:

FULLERTON

Thank you for your February 21, 2014 letter, and for sharing your concerns regarding this important issue. The California State University has received input from and listened carefully to the supporters of the AMCHA Initiative as well as those who have expressed opposing views. It is clear there are strongly-held opinions on both sides of this issue.

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The CSU will always do the utmost to protect members of our university community from unlawful discrimination and harassment and to allow everyone to participate fully in all aspects of campus life. At the same time, CSU remains committed to preserving academic freedom and the free speech rights of all CSU students, faculty and staff – and we believe we have done so at all times during this current debate. Rather than barring controversial speech, the CSU strives to be a marketplace of ideas where difficult and sometimes polarizing speech can be exposed to critical examination and open debate by those with opposing opinions. While we recognize this process sometimes can be uncomfortable or even offensive, we also trust that those on all sides of this current debate understand that the consequences of inhibiting or silencing the free exchange of ideas on matters of public concern are far more severe.

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Thank you again for your interest and concern.

SAN BERNARDINO

Sincerely,

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SAN FRANCISCO

Timothy P. White
Chancellor

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