

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1803

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Dr. E. Joseph Savoie  
President  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
104 University Circle  
Lafayette, LA 70504

Dear President Savoie:

I am seeking your assistance in moving past the distraction caused by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) studies minor and in returning our collective attention to preparing our young people for today's economy.

In this effort, I am aware that you have indicated to public officials that federal laws and/or regulations prohibit the University from both discontinuing the LGBT minor and refocusing these resources towards educational activities that provide participants better job prospects upon completion.

As you are aware, I have consistently fought to return power to state and local governments and to remove overly onerous federal regulations that prevent state and local governments—and private entities—from following the paths they choose to best achieve their own goals. Towards this end, I respectfully request that you provide me with the specific federal regulations and/or statutes that would prevent the University from discontinuing this minor, if it chose to do so. Additionally, I request that you provide to me the names, positions, and contact information of all federal or state officials or employees that have indicated to the University or yourself that it is not allowed to end this minor.

Receipt of the aforementioned information will allow me to determine if these federal requirements do in fact tie the University's hands. If these requirements do prevent you from ending the LGBT minor, you can rest assured, I will do everything in my power to either repeal these requirements or secure a waiver for the University.

Given your position as the President of the University, I am certain complying with a request comprised of information contained within the public record will not be a problem. I thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Respectfully,



JEFF LANDRY  
Member of Congress