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Special Litigation Section
U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Special Litigation Section
Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: University of California at Berkeley (UC Berkeley)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Law Offices of Melo and Sarsfield, LLP, represents a student publication known as the Berkeley Patriot. The Berkeley Patriot is composed of students enrolled at the UC Berkeley campus. UC Berkeley is a governmental entity of the State of California.

The students of the Berkeley Patriot believe that they have been subjected to a pattern and practice of suppression of their First Amendment rights, specifically Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Association, and their Fourteenth Amendment right to Equal Protection.

The students of the Berkeley Patriot believe that the UC Berkeley administration has adopted a practice of de facto viewpoint discrimination. This viewpoint discrimination is effected by the UC Berkeley administration failing to take reasonable steps to protect students and others from physical assault or property damage when engaging in protected activities covered under the First Amendment, failing to take appropriate disciplinary measures against students, faculty members, and employees who either engage in those same acts against students with different political viewpoints, or encourage, aid or abet those acts, and imposing arbitrary and irrational bureaucratic hurdles on student groups which seek to exercise their First Amendment rights by holding public debates on important political topics or matters of public concern.

The situation at UC Berkeley has become downright physically dangerous this past year for conservative students who merely wish to exercise their God given rights to freedom of speech and association that are enshrined in the Constitution.

On behalf of the Berkeley Patriot, we are requesting the US Department of Justice open an investigation into whether UC Berkeley and its key administrators are systematically and intentionally violating the civil rights of our clients, and other like-minded UC Berkeley students.

Sincerely,

LAW OFFICES OF MELO AND SANSFIELD LLP

Marguerite Melo (Authorized e-signature 9/19/2017)

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