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Hello,

I am writing on behalf of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), a professional organization founded in 1951 that promotes research on problems of social life, and works to solve these problems and to develop informed social policy.

Recently, many U.S. states have introduced and/or passed legislation restricting academic freedom in higher education. Such legislation prohibits faculty from teaching theories and research that present inequalities based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, etc., as operating through social structures and institutions. However, the structural and institutional basis of social inequalities is based on decades of interdisciplinary research from scholars around the world.

SSSP has published a formal statement opposing state interference with academic freedom and affirming the social scientific basis for structural and institutional inequalities. We hope you will provide news coverage of our statement.

Our statement can be found [here](#).

Information about our organization is available here: [The Society for the Study of Social Problems | Home Page - SSSP \(sssp1.org\)](#).

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In solidarity,

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