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President Ronald A. Johnson  
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Dear Dr. Johnson:

Attached is a copy of a resolution approved by the membership of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) at its 2017 annual meeting in Montreal, Canada. The SSSP is one of the oldest and most respected social science organizations in the United States, with members from Canada and other parts of the world.

The resolution is a strong and unequivocal statement on the importance of academic freedom, freedom of speech, and due process in academia and against attempts by individuals and groups, both within and outside of academia, to target and to try to silence individuals with views they find objectionable. We urge you to do what you can to ensure that universities and colleges remain places where individuals are not subjected to this kind of harassment simply because of the views that they hold, how they teach, and the research that they do.

If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Héctor L. Delgado, Ph.D.  
Executive Officer

Enclosure