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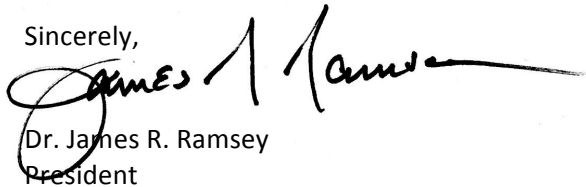
Dear Peter,

The University of Louisville is committed to diversity and to ensuring the free exchange of ideas on our campus. We promote the ability of our faculty to share knowledge, research, and ideas with university faculty throughout the world. Because of our view that the free exchange of ideas is paramount to academic freedom, we oppose any effort to boycott academic institutions regardless of the political systems in which they operate.

We appreciate the position of the APLU that any boycott could limit the ability of UofL professors and researchers to collaborate with faculty whose institutions are targeted by the boycott. This could hinder not only UofL's efforts but those of colleges and universities across the United States to find new cures for diseases, to develop new sources of energy, or to bridge cultural divides.

Thank you for the leadership of the APLU and I wanted to communicate to you that I support the APLU position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Ramsey", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. James R. Ramsey
President