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Eric J. Barron, President  
Pennsylvania State University  
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Dear President Barron:

I am disappointed that an invitation was extended (and subsequently accepted) to William Ayers to speak at the Penn State Dickinson School of Law on March 19<sup>th</sup> and at the University's Pasquerilla Spiritual Center on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The decision to allow Mr. Ayers to address your students and faculty in light of his violent past is difficult for me to reconcile.

Mr. Ayers organized and led the "Weather Underground", a radical domestic terrorist organization, which participated in a series of bombings and riots throughout the United States. In fact, Mr. Ayers has bragged about participating in over 20 bombings and has shown no remorse for his past actions.

I would appreciate if you would forward me any information related to the costs of hosting Mr. Ayers at your University including his speaker fees, travel costs or other related stipends.

I see no value in the promotion of allowing Mr. Ayers to address the faculty and staff in light of his documented misconduct. Although the event is to occur next week, it is my hope that Mr. Ayers' invitation is revoked. Thank you for your consideration of this correspondence and I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Scarnati".

Joe Scarnati  
President Pro Tempore