

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3304

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Chancellor Lee Roberts
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
200 E Cameron Ave
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Chancellor Roberts,

I am writing to you regarding the events that have taken place over the last few weeks at the heart of UNC's campus. On August 29th, 2026, after an incoming student welcome party hosted by the Taiwanese Student Association, members of the organization were on a tour of campus and were harassed by a group of men as they were on Polk Place. In a separate event two days later on August 31st, while students had gathered for a watch party hosted by multiple Black student organizations, a man entered Greenlaw Hall and harassed and verbally threatened students while using racial slurs and carrying a dangerous weapon with the intent of harming others. I am incredibly grateful that no one was seriously injured at the time of these incidents and that the University has been engaging with the students affected.

Meetings in the immediate aftermath of a traumatic event such as this are a good start, but just that. With that in mind, I sincerely ask that you and the University be as proactive as possible with student engagement to ensure that students of color feel safe on campus moving forward.

Additionally, as my office has received significant outreach from UNC students about this incident, it would be very helpful for my office as we respond to this outreach to have some additional insight into the incident and the steps your Administration is taking to respond appropriately. It's my sincere hope that your office can consequently provide answers to the following questions as expeditiously as possible.

- Why did it take 17 minutes for UNC campus police to arrive at the scene on August 31st, and what might be done to ensure faster response times moving forward?
- When large events take place on campus, particularly ones that are unaffiliated with the University, are there protocols in place to ensure campus police maintain their usual staffing levels elsewhere on campus?
- What are the concrete steps your administration is taking to ensure that a better and more robust alert system will be in place to notify students of dangers on campus?

- How is your administration working to make sure students, particularly students of color, feel safe on campus?
- Are there any plans in place to empower and/or educate students so they know how to best maintain their own safety in the event of a threat of violence when UNC campus police are not yet present?

We all share the same beliefs and responsibility that UNC should be a place of learning without fear of violence and where respect for others is a core value. I genuinely appreciate your swift actions so far and would greatly appreciate continuing the dialogue on student safety at the university we all cherish so deeply.

I look forward to hearing from you on this and appreciate your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie P. Foushee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Valerie" and last name "Foushee" clearly legible.

Valerie P. Foushee
Member of Congress