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Subject: Statement to the Board of Governors of the UNC System Regarding the Payment of \$2.5 Million to a Trust Fund for the Sons of Confederate Veterans

To the UNC Board of Governors:

The UNC Black Pioneers, representing the first generation of African-Americans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill between 1952 and 1972, are appalled at the UNC Board of Governors' reported effort to resolve the issue of the Confederate monument known as Silent Sam by putting \$2.5 million into a trust for the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

We the undersigned, on behalf of numerous colleagues around the country, strongly oppose the decision that was made to try to appease some of those persons who are still trying to fight the Civil War, and we hereby register our dissent. World-class Institutions of higher learning such as our alma mater should promote inclusiveness and oppose outdated philosophies that hurt the growth of our society. When the Board of Governors makes decisions that affect the university's contribution to society, those decisions should be aimed at promoting societal good. The decision that has been made does not do that.

More than 15,000 African-American alumni have now studied at UNC. Already we have learned that some of those alumni, as well as a number of other non-minority alumni and philanthropists, are moving to withhold contributions from the university because of the action that is being taken. We respectfully and forcefully request that the Board of Governors act to rescind the action of providing the said money to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, an organization known for promoting discord and spreading false versions of history, if that is in any way something that can be done legally. If that donation cannot be reversed, we request that an equal or greater amount be set aside for UNC Chapel Hill's Light on the Hill Scholarships and for the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, as one step to begin to counteract the negative effects of the funds being given to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Respectfully,

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