

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 21, 2021

The Honorable David S. Ferriero
Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Administration
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Mr. Ferriero,

We are deeply concerned by the National Archives Record Administration's "harmful content" warning displayed on the Archives' cataloged website, including on seminal documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the U.S. Constitution.

This content warning was put in place after a National Archives Task Force insisted that its records be "contextualized," and notices be made that "forewarn audiences of content that may cause intense physiological and psychological symptoms." Though the task force made multiple recommendations, describing the sacred documents on which our nation was founded as "harmful or difficult to view" is as bad as any one of the foolish capitulations to cancel culture we have ever seen.

The role of the National Archives should be to preserve our shared histories and educate future generations, not to deny, change, or demonize our past. Unfortunately, by employing a harmful content label, the National Archives Record Administration has abandoned these responsibilities, adhering instead to a Leftist perspective that judges our past, discourages honest conversations about our history, and obscures the truth: that these documents were written to protect individual liberties and fundamental rights, and that the nation they established grew into the world's greatest republic.

Therefore, we demand that you immediately remove this harmful content label from your catalog, stop weaponizing words and needlessly politicizing the American story, and return the National Archives to its true mission of strengthening our democracy instead of attacking it.

Sincerely,



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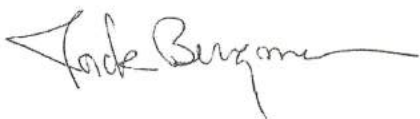
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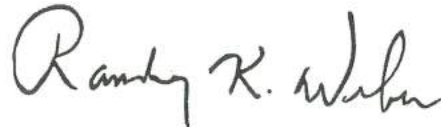
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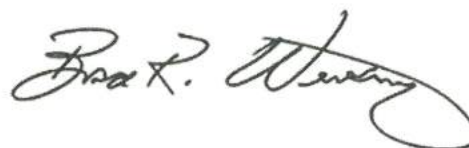
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Michael Guest
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