

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4309

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The Honorable Linda McMahon
Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
Washington, D.C. 20202

The Honorable Pamela Bondi
Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

RE: Racist Terroristic Threats Against Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Dear Secretary McMahon and Attorney General Bondi:

I write to request a full investigation into the racist terroristic threats being made against Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the nation as well as the provision of additional security measures to ensure the safety of the students at those schools.

In the wake of the recent murder of the Iryna Zarutska, a Ukrainian refugee in Charlotte, as well as Charlie Kirk on September 10, 2025, several HBCUs – including Alabama State University, Virginia State University, Hampton University in Virginia, Southern University in Louisiana, and Clark Atlanta University in Georgia – have received terroristic threats causing campuses to lockdown, shelter in place, and cancel classes. While the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has indicated that these were “hoax threat calls,” these threats are part of an accelerating pattern of violent extremism and must be met with constant vigilance. I have attached the alarming email that has been circulated causing justifiable fear and concern amongst parents, students, and faculty.

I ask that the Department of Education and the Department of Justice work collaboratively with the affected institutions to conduct a full investigation into all threats, with special attention to any connections the perpetrator may have to broader extremist ideological movements. I further ask that any individuals found responsible receive an appropriate punishment which ensures meaningful consequences. Further, I request these schools receive additional resources to secure campus safety and security.

I have already received numerous calls from my constituents expressing concern for their children. These threats have endangered students' physical and psychological safety, disrupted daily operations, and fostered a climate of fear that undermines the learning environment. HBCU students deserve the assurance that their lives matter, institutions will not be terrorized, and violent extremism will be met with swift action. I appreciate your time and consideration of this request. Should you require additional information, please contact my Acting Chief of Staff, Aaron Linfesty, by email at Aaron.Linfesty@mail.house.gov or phone at 202-225-7508.

Sincerely,



Al Green
Member of Congress

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