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Dear Mr. Brimhall-Vargas,

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) examined the proposal entitled, "Presence of Chik-Fil-A in Stamp Student Union 12-13-12" at its meeting on September 28, 2012.

The SEC carefully reviewed the proposal and discussed its recommendations as well as University guidelines regarding vendor contracts. The committee sympathizes with the sentiment in the proposal and does not, in any way, support the values expressed by the leadership of the Chick-Fil-A Corporation. However, the University Senate is primarily charged with reviewing broad policy at the University of Maryland. The SEC agreed that this particular issue is primarily focused on our procurement process for a specific vendor and thus is not within the Senate's purview. Therefore, the SEC voted that further review by a Senate committee of this particular proposal is not warranted. However, members of the SEC suggested that you consider submitting a proposal related to the University's broad procurement policy as it pertains to contracting with vendors whose policies are not consistent with the inclusive practices articulated in *Transforming Maryland: Expectations for Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion*.

Thank you for taking the time to craft a proposal for Senate consideration. Should you have any questions about the SEC's decision, please do not hesitate to contact, Reka Montfort at 301-405-5804.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MNS", with a horizontal line underneath.

Martha Nell Smith
Chair

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