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Ryan Belcher
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Dear Mr. Belcher,

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) examined your proposal, "Developing a Conduct Policy on Hate Speech (Senate Doc. No. 14-15-36)" at its meeting on April 28, 2015.

After careful consideration, including input from the Office of General Counsel, the SEC agreed that there should not be any regulation of speech based on content because of the Constitutional rights afforded through the First Amendment. Therefore, the SEC voted against further consideration of your proposal.

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 "Donald Webster".

Donald Webster
Chair

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