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Aisha Pridgen, Director of Student Conduct
Becci Menghini, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office
Gavin Young, Senior Director for Public Records
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dear Ms. Pridgen, Ms. Menghini and Mr. Young:

Pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Law, G.S. §132-1., we request copies of all public records made or received by The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (“the University”) in connection with a person having been found responsible for rape, sexual assault or any related or lesser included sexual misconduct by the UNC Chapel Hill Honor Court, the Committee on Student Conduct, or the Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office.

We prefer to receive the requested records in electronic form but will accept them in any form that the University is capable of providing them.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform Betsy O’Donovan at The Daily Tar Heel if the cost will exceed \$50. We request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public’s understanding of the university’s handling and adjudication of sexual misconduct cases involving University students. The Daily Tar Heel is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit news organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

We are submitting this request on behalf of a coalition of interested entities whose members include Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc. on behalf of WRAL-TV; The Charlotte Observer; Fusion; The Herald-Sun; Indy Week; The News and Observer; The News and Record; North Carolina Public Radio-WUNC; The Student Press Law Center; and WFAE, and ask that you provide the requested records to each of those organizations at the same time that they are provided to The Daily Tar Heel. Their points of contact are listed below our signatures. We have been asked to mention that this request is supported — and your response is being monitored by — a range of groups that advocate for transparency and press freedom, including Free Press and North Carolina Open Government Coalition.

The law requires that you respond to and fulfill this request "as promptly as possible." In light of the University’s failure to provide these same records in response to numerous prior requests, we will treat your failure to provide the requested copies on or before Oct. 28 as a denial of our request and will proceed accordingly.

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If you decline to provide any of the requested records, either in whole or in part, please provide us with a detailed written explanation of the grounds for your denial, including citations to all statutes, rules, court decisions or other legal authorities that support your denial.

Thank you for your assistance.

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