

24 October 2024

Dear United States Senate:

As a college president for 18 years, author of *Black Greek 101*, a book exploring the Divine Nine organizations, and an expert witness in hazing cases, I support the Stop Campus Hazing Act. As a permanent Louisiana resident and past president of Dillard University in New Orleans, I am pleased to support the work of Senator Bill Cassidy who has been a champion for this legislation.

The problem of hazing is a persistent one that causes significant harm yet often goes unrecognized and unreported. While progress has been made, current institutional policies and state laws are insufficient to shift the culture of hazing on their own. Federal legislation will strengthen hazing prevention nationally by providing consistent data, increasing transparency, and promoting educational programs. It will send a strong and clear message that hazing has no place in colleges and universities that value student health, safety, and well-being.

Passage of the Stop Campus Hazing Act will help higher education institutions build a culture of transparency, accountability, and support that empowers our students to thrive without fear of hazing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter M. Kimbrough". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph.D.
Interim President