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**RE: Elimination of Women's Lacrosse at Fresno State in Violation of Title IX**

Dear President Castro:

It is extremely unfortunate that neither you nor anyone else from Fresno State has contacted me in response to my letter of December 3, 2020, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience.

Your office confirmed you received my letter and a December 5, 2020, article in *The Fresno Bee* entitled "Did Fresno State violate Title IX again? Members of this Bulldogs team say it did," reported that the school had "released a statement through a university spokesperson" in response to it. According to the article, the statement says, "As we review the letter received (Thursday), we want to reaffirm our steadfast commitment to gender equity throughout our stellar athletics program."

Sadly, these appear to be empty words. As my letter shows, the elimination of the women's lacrosse team is a flagrant violation of Title IX that clearly deprives the school's student-athletes of gender equity. But the school would apparently rather be sued than talk to us about it. We take that as a sign that we should move forward with litigation. So we are preparing our papers for court.

Sincerely,



Arthur H. Bryant

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Cynthia Chapman

Enclosure