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Joint Statement

In a [letter earlier this week](#) to the North Carolina A&T administration, Concerned Student 1891 expressed frustration over several issues. In subsequent dialogue with leaders of the N.C. A&T Student Government Association, A&T leaders and students affiliated with Concerned Student 1891, participants agreed on the following joint statement:

First, unconstitutional gerrymandering is unacceptable. It is a practice that has served to disenfranchise students, faculty and staff at the nation's largest historically black college or university, our neighbors in East Greensboro, voters across the state of North Carolina and elsewhere around the country. Unconstitutional gerrymandering lies at the heart of cases that are before both the U.S. Supreme Court and the North Carolina Supreme Court, and we join with voters who look to those courts for justice and fair representation at the ballot box.

Second, we stand in strong opposition to recent efforts to fan the flames of white supremacy, racism, anti-Semitism, anti-LGBTQIA, anti-immigrant bigotry and other forms of hateful ideology. Such behaviors seek to disenfranchise, dehumanize, violate, and at their heart, pose a danger to our students and community campus. This should be a cause of concern for all fair-minded people. Our university stands for equality and fairness. The behaviors referenced here are inconsistent with our most fundamental values.

Third, the current guidelines within Title IX regarding sexual assault have played an important role over the past six years in protecting the rights of survivors on university campuses, and we are among many who are waiting to see what direction the U.S. Department of Education will provide when it revises how colleges and universities handle sexual assault cases under that federal law. We stand in solidarity with the survivors. As part of our commitment, North Carolina A&T [leads a consortium project](#) funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women to provide greater help to student victims of stalking, dating violence, sexual assault and domestic violence. This is the first HBCU consortium to receive funding through the OVW. With regard to both that project and the Title IX direction forthcoming from the Department of Education, we are committed to a campus environment that is safe for all students and where survivors of sexual assault are protected to the fullest extent of the law.

Signed,

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