



December 11, 2015

A Message to the Muslim Student Association
and Muslim Members of the Penn Community

From

President Amy Gutmann and Provost Vincent Price

In light of the recent hateful rhetoric that has circulated around our country on the topic of Islam, we wanted to write to you to express our personal dismay at these thoughtless and hurtful words, and to assure you of the absolute commitment that Penn has to providing a safe and welcoming environment for you to practice your faith and feel that you are fully accepted and embraced within the Penn community.

We cannot state strongly enough that at Penn, everyone belongs. Please know that we will not tolerate any discrimination, intimidation or threats against Muslim students at Penn. You are an integral and important part of our community, and we want you to know that the University is committed to offering you every opportunity to practice your religion, live your faith, and realize all the opportunities that exist for Penn students.

We have asked our Chaplain and the staff in VPUL to reach out to you to ensure that we are aware of any difficulties you might encounter. Please let them know immediately if you are confronted with anything that you feel threatens your absolute right to express your religious beliefs.

These are challenging and difficult times in the world. Please be assured that Penn stands with you and supports you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Gutmann".

Amy Gutmann
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Price".

Vincent Price
Provost