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Last week, I asked that we each read something about or written by African Americans, in celebration of the month. If you haven't "completed" your "assignment, then please read this, as I signed on behalf of our college.

*Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell,*

*After working and consulting with UNCF, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, the American Council on Education and the undersigned associations and organizations write to seek your assistance on an urgent matter of national importance.*

*In recent weeks, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have been subjected to repeated, systematic threats to their students and campuses. These acts of terror deliberately strike at institutions that have a unique significance to Black Americans and to American higher education. HBCUs are targeted precisely because they serve as powerful symbols of Black Americans' strength and achievement. All of America's colleges and universities pledge to do everything we can to support and enhance these incredible institutions.*

*Regrettably, threats like this are nothing new for HBCUs and their communities. They have faced, and faced down, too many attacks over time, are rightfully proud of their legacy, and will not be deterred by more threats of violence.*

*Just because attacks like these recent bomb threats are not new, does not mean we must not act. We appreciate that the FBI and other law enforcement agencies are actively investigating these threats. But we also need action from Congress in this moment.*

*First, these crimes must be fully and aggressively investigated and the offenders prosecuted in accordance with the grievous harm they have caused. We urge you to work with your congressional colleagues and the Administration to ensure that is the case.*

*Second, we ask you to immediately pass H.Con.Res. 70 to put Congress on record on this matter of national importance.*

*Finally, the egregious nature of these crimes, their scope and scale, and the racist motivations behind them, deserve specific attention. Congress has both the unique authority and responsibility to address this. For this reason, we request you hold congressional hearings on an expedited basis, with a focus on the persistent issues underlying these crimes and an effort to identify ways to prevent future occurrences.*

*We reiterate that for too many of our students and colleagues the threats against HBCUs across the country are a reminder of the reality of racial violence and inequities that are present every day. Congress has the ability to take meaningful action to address the very real harm that has been caused. We urge you to do so, and quickly.*

Best regards,

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