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Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

Thank you for your continued partnership with The Pittsburgh Foundation (“TPF”) and The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County (“CFWC”) (collectively, “the Foundation”). We write now regarding the [REDACTED] Family Fund and your recent suggestion to grant \$5,000 to Turning Point USA Inc. from the Fund.

By way of background, as you will recall from your January 17, 2011 Declaration of Gift Agreement with CFWC, you may make suggestions concerning grant distributions from the amounts available from the Fund. After consideration of such suggestions, TPF Board of Directors then decide the ultimate distributions.

In 2022, TPF and CFWC expanded the Grant Due Diligence Policy, which recognizes the diverse array of the Foundation’s donor base. Under the Policy, the Foundation will not contribute to any organization that acts intentionally to injure any individuals or groups of individuals. The Policy also prohibits grants on other basic grounds, including grants to individuals, grants for any purpose that is not charitable, and grants to any organization that engages in discriminatory practices against individuals of a federally protected class.

To undertake its due diligence and verify eligibility, the Foundation, in addition to conducting its own research, relies on a variety of objective methods available through third-party resources. One such method is Horizon Forum, which offers a research-based database tool specifically designed for use by grantmaking institutions. Its database tool identifies nonprofit organizations that are widely considered by academic, journalistic, and advocacy organizations that are involved with hate activity.

Since the enactment of our Grant Due Diligence Policy, the Foundation’s standard protocol for every grant suggestion that the Foundation receives is to run proposed recipient organizations through the Horizon Forum database tool. The tool identified Turning Point USA as an organization that is considered to be involved with hate activity.

In line with this result, the Grant Due Diligence Policy, and the Foundation’s ultimate authority regarding grantmaking decisions, the Foundation is thus declining the [REDACTED] Family Fund’s suggestion to make a grant to Turning Point USA. If you would like to pursue a grant to this organization,

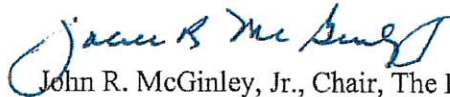
we encourage you to seek an alternate method or charitable vehicle apart from the Foundation.

We thank you for your understanding and continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Lisa M. Schroeder in blue ink.

Lisa Schroeder, President & CEO, The Pittsburgh Foundation

Handwritten signature of John R. McGinley, Jr. in blue ink.

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chair, The Pittsburgh Foundation