

An Open Letter to Governor Bevin and Members of the Kentucky State Legislature

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Dear Governor Bevin and Members of the Kentucky State Legislature:

As faculty at the University of Louisville responsible for the teaching, research and service mission of this important state institution, we are justifiably and seriously concerned about continued threats to the accreditation that is necessary for student access to federal loans and faculty access to many federal grants, the continued accreditation of our professional schools, and the University's participation in NCAA athletics. We are alarmed by any political actions that further threaten the University's current probationary status with accreditors and create additional uncertainty.

SACS compliance is of critical importance to the University of Louisville. We call on the Governor and Kentucky State Legislature to do what is needed to maintain SACS accreditation. The University needs the support of our community, alumni, business leaders, and elected officials so we can continue to focus on our core mission— educating students, creating new knowledge through research, and serving and engaging our community. This vital mission must be the priority for the benefit of our students and our state.

Respectfully submitted,  
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