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Dear President Jameson,

I applaud the University for its decision to reject the Compact proposed by the Executive branch of the current Federal government that offers “preferential funding” in exchange for government control of university tuition, financial aid and admissions criteria, faculty hiring, curriculum, student surveillance, and facilities. Money is being used as a weapon in an attempt to corrupt the university – from without and within. As a member of the infamous Class of 1968 that exposed and interrupted Penn’s involvement with secret germ warfare research, I attest to the power of truth. Morality is more precious than money.

Guided by Penn’s motto: *Leges Sine Moribus Vanæ*, I am proud that Penn has taken an unequivocal moral stand in favor of academic independence, integrity and excellence. I support Penn in its continued defense of principles drawn from our values and mission:

- freedom of inquiry and thought
- free expression,
- nondiscrimination,
- adherence to American laws and the Constitution of the United States
- self-governance
- students, faculty and staff who represent various races, socioeconomic classes, nationalities and viewpoints

Universities survived the Dark Ages; Penn will endure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Constance M. Billé". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Constance M. Billé CW 1968