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The Honorable Clare Oumou Verbeten

95 University Avenue West

Senate Office Building, Room 2101

St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Oumou Verbeten:

I wanted to reach out to you in light of your recent work on **SF 377**. As a nonprofit organization committed to the preservation of academic freedom, excellence, and accountability, the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) appreciates your efforts to safeguard fair admissions practices at our nation’s colleges and universities. We share your sentiment that legacy preferences are detrimental to the integrity of the admissions process.

In this spirit, I would like to offer our aid if there is any way we can be of assistance. For over 25 years, ACTA has worked with trustees and public officials across the country to ensure that all Americans can receive a high-quality education at an affordable price. We have testified before various state legislatures and commissions in states including Florida, New Jersey, Alaska, Georgia, Montana, Texas, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Ohio, on matters such as curricular quality, academic assessment, and institutional accountability.

If there is anything we can do to help your efforts to support **SF 377**, or in any matter in the future, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at **(202) 467-6787** or via email at **AAlacbay@GoACTA.org**.

We are immensely grateful for your commitment to American higher education, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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