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via U.S. mail and facsimile

President Hank Brown
University of Colorado
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Dear President Brown:

I am aware that you will soon be receiving the recommendations of the University's Faculty Senate Privilege and Tenure (P&T) Committee regarding former Interim Chancellor Philip DiStefano's recommendation that I be fired. I am also aware that you intend to review the report of the P&T Committee, and make your own recommendations to the Regents.

It is public knowledge that you were a founding member of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), continue to be quoted and praised by ACTA as one of its "Friends in High Places," and participate in various ACTA projects. It is also well-known that ACTA, in May 2006, published a widely disseminated study entitled "How Many Ward Churchills?" using my case as illustrative of what ACTA finds to be wrong in higher education today.

In light of these facts, as well as those which may not be as well publicized concerning your preexisting opinions about me and my work, I hereby formally request that you recuse yourself from participating in the review process and refrain from making recommendations to the Regents concerning my case.

In light of the publicity which has surrounded this case from the outset and the pervasive climate of intimidation within the University system as a whole, I request that an objective and unbiased external administrator be appointed in your stead.

Sincerely,

Ward Churchill
Professor of Ethnic Studies

cc: David A. Lane, Esq.
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