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Chairman Lynne Cheney  
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Dear Lynne,

I believe the Institute for Advanced Study has made an error in framing the issue in terms of "academic freedom." Federally-mandated regulations on the use of public funds in a sub-granting process should be subject to NEH supervision. NEH has not proposed to intervene in favoring or opposing particular projects or positions but only wishes to make certain that public policy is carried out in a conscientious way by recipients of public funds. How your enforcing the Congressional mandate affects academic freedom Dr. Goldberger does not seem to me to have explained.

If I can help to represent the meaning of the NEH policy as you have formulated it, you need only ask.