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Dear Hampton University Community:

Hampton University, like our nation, is facing an unprecedented period of uncertainty due to recent federal funding decisions. These changes present significant challenges to programs that have historically supported the mission and operations of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). As we navigate this evolving situation, I want to reaffirm Hampton University's unwavering commitment to our students, faculty, staff, and the enduring legacy we proudly uphold.

In response to these developments, Hampton University has launched a comprehensive assessment to evaluate both the immediate and long-term implications of these funding changes. We are actively collaborating with national HBCU coalitions and engaging with policymakers to advocate for our collective concerns, amplify the voice of HBCUs, and ensure equitable access to the resources we need to thrive.

First and foremost, let me assure you that there will be no immediate disruption to Hampton University's operations. Programs and initiatives supported by federal funding will continue as planned, allowing our community to remain focused on our mission without interruption.

As we move forward, we encourage you to remain steadfast in your commitment to being responsible stewards of our financial resources, ensuring that every dollar is strategically allocated to sustain and strengthen the programs that define our excellence. I encourage you to stay informed and engaged as we face this moment together. If you receive a formal notice from a funding agency or have specific concerns, please reach out to the Office of the Vice President for Research at vpforresearch@hamptonu.edu. Your input and collaboration are essential as we chart a clear path forward.

The legacy of Hampton University is one of resilience, courage, and progress. With these principles at the forefront, we will continue to lead and safeguard our mission to educate and empower the next generation of leaders. Our focus is to protect the vital programs that form the foundation of our mission and ensure that the promise of Hampton University endures for generations to come.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Hampton University and for standing with us during this critical time.

In the Spirit of Excellence,

Darrell K. Williams

President