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Dear U.S. EPA Director or Designate

Thank you for retaining my book and letter with your explanation, all of which are enclosed, of why you had to return it back to me. I appreciate your thoroughness in this matter. However, I would like to disagree with your interpretation of the law. Please consider the following.

According to my union contract, which is a federally enforceable contract under federal labor laws, there is stated on page 8, Article 6 under Academic Freedom and Responsibility the following:

6.1 The University and United Academics agree that academic freedom is essential to the mission of the University and that providing an environment of free and honest inquiry is essential to its functioning. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or abridge any individual's right to free speech or to infringe upon the academic freedom of any member of the University community.

And

6.3 The University of Alaska and United Academics endorse the "1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure with 1970 Interpretive Comments," issued by the American Association of University Professors and the Association of American Colleges,

Furthermore, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) the "1940 statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure," is the following.

P. 14, 1st column:

Also, there have been relevant developments in the law itself reflected a growing insistence by the courts on due process within the academic community which parallels the essential concepts of the 1940 "Statement" particularly relevant is the identification of the supreme court of academic freedom as a right protected by the first amendment. As the Supreme Court said in *Keyishian v. Board of Regents*, 385, U.S. 589 (1967), "Our nation is deeply committed to safeguarding academic freedom, which is of transcendent value to all of us and not merely to the teachers concerned. That freedom is therefore a special concern of the First Amendment, which does not tolerate laws that cast a pall of orthodoxy over the classroom."

