Template Letter to a Member of Congress Regarding Neo-Segregation

Dear {Member of Congress},

I write as a concerned citizen and your constituent. I live in {town}.

**I urge you to examine racially segregated programs at my local college.** Race-segregated college programs conform to a pattern of “neo-segregation.” {College name} offers a {segregated residence hall, segregated orientation program, segregated campus visits}. Such a program/programs violate Title VI § 601 of the 1964 Civil Rights, which banned racial discrimination at institutions that receive federal funds.

Such segregation may also violate Sec. 804. {42 U.S.C. 3604} of the Fair Housing Act (1988), which prohibits racial discrimination “in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, or national origin.”

I am one of more than 2,600 members of the National Association of Scholars who was alarmed by its latest report, *Separate but Equal, Again: Neo-Segregation in American Higher Education*, which identified hundreds of race-segregated programs at American colleges across the country. That report is available online at: <https://www.nas.org/articles/separate_but_equal_again_neo_segregation_at_yale>

I believe that racial segregation erodes students’ sense of national unity, reduces the quality of intellectual life on campus, and perpetuates discredited racialist thinking. Moreover, these programs betray our mission to foster a society that brings together Americans of all races. **We must purge race-segregated programs from American higher education.**

I urge you: fight for racial harmony on campus and hold colleges accountable for their racially discriminatory behavior.

Yours sincerely,

{Name}