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To Whom It May Concern,

I write in support of Mr. Kurtzke's objections to discriminatory discrimination policies at University of British Columbia.

I've studied the ideological profile of academia in the United States. A groupthink dynamic is built on three main pillars: Majoritarian departmental politics, the pyramidal structure of disciplines, and the sacred nature of political beliefs. Once leftism became preponderant, these three factors have driven the system toward uniformity, and now there are virtually no non-left people in the academy. The result is a fragility that cannot brook dissent from leftism.

But now the leftists in university administration are also becoming more aggressive, as exhibited by the UBC policies that Mr. Kurtzke is valiantly and generously trying to correct, with his anti-male discrimination complaint regarding the 50%-female enrollment goal at UBC Engineering.

We need to get back to liberal attitudes in the original political sense of the word "liberal."

C'mon, lefty people. Please rethink your leftism. What you're doing isn't liberal and it isn't just.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Klein".

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