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Good morning, Senator Baruth -

I know that you are taking some testimony on S.18 on Friday. UVM has been contacted by a few media outlets about the bill. I thought it might be helpful for you to have our statement, which is pasted below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Wendy

The University of Vermont has a long-standing, uninterrupted practice of recognizing and treating the independent, student-run newspaper as it does any other news media outlet in Vermont. The university fully and heartily supports the speech and press freedoms the Vermont Cynic already enjoys under the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and has the same expectations for accuracy, fairness and social responsibility as it does of other news media. Regardless of whether there is additional state legislation, the University of Vermont will continue to afford the Vermont Cynic the same speech and press freedoms they enjoy today.