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Subject: Re: Follow-up on letter

On Jul 24, 2018 1:21 PM, Benjamin Pauli <bpauli@kettering.edu<mailto:bpauli@kettering.edu>> wrote:

Hi again all,

A reporter from BuzzFeed is poking around looking for people who will speak on the record about why they signed the letter. Some of you may have already received an email from her. Naturally, no one should feel pressured to speak with her. But I hope a couple of folks will be willing to give her a quote. Since I am not a signatory to the letter, I obviously cannot provide such a quote. I am also being very careful about what I say about the letter in general, because we need to avoid giving Edwards an opportunity to make this letter about me. As soon as he thinks he can make the letter about me, he will have an instant game plan for attacking and discrediting it. He will argue that it's part of the broader conspiracy against him and that I am brainwashing you guys by persuading you of a totally biased interpretation of the situation. It is absolutely critical right now that people make a point of showing that they are coming to their own independent

conclusions about Edwards and not just following the lead of whoever is already under attack.

If others are providing quotes about the letter itself, I would be open to your giving this reporter my contact information as someone who can speak to the situation with Edwards in a general way. But I wouldn't want to do it in the absence of other quotes, because then it might look like I'm the spokesperson for the letter (even if I don't address it directly), which is something we absolutely must avoid if we want this thing to have its intended impact.