

Statement for the Record

March 17, 2022, Hearing: HBCUs at Risk: Examining Federal Support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Rep. Norman

The only concern students and staff should have while on campus should be education. Safety and security should never be called into question and that has sadly been compromised by the recent threats of violence targeting HBCU campuses.

I am deeply disturbed by the recent events that have taken place since January 1st at HBCUs across the nation, causing a disruption in learning and a heightened sense of fear. I am calling on our law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to continue to work diligently to identify those responsible and bring them to justice. They must face the heavy hand of the law.

I am thankful to my colleagues in Congress for bringing this issue forward and to the FBI for their ongoing investigations. Perhaps most importantly, I am thankful to Clinton College in Rock Hill South Carolina for promoting a campus environment of faith, unity, and positive moral. Campus safety is an upmost priority to every educational institution, and should be second only to education itself.