



November 14, 2016:

A Message to the Ohio State Student Body from the Undergraduate Student Government

Dear Students,

The Undergraduate Student Government at The Ohio State University vehemently condemns the assault that occurred on our campus tonight and supports the right of all students to protest peacefully without fear of attack. USG is committed to protecting the First Amendment rights of our students to ensure that they have the ability to freely express their opinions. Acts of violence, like what occurred on our campus this evening, contradict the environment we strive to create: one that is accepting of all opinions, identities, and backgrounds. The Ohio Union is a space dedicated to creating an extraordinary experience for students; they must feel safe and be able to voice their opinion without the risk of harm.

We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that students are protected on our campus. We strongly encourage all students who experience incidents of violence to immediately contact OSU Police at (614) 292-2121. Utilization of BART reports is also encouraged for students to report incidents of bias on campus. For more information on these resources, please reference our previous statement: https://usg.osu.edu/posts/documents/doc_11112016_142121825.pdf .

In solidarity,

Handwritten signature of Gerard C. Basalla in black ink.

Gerard Basalla (.6)
President

Handwritten signature of Danielle M. DiScala in black ink.

Danielle Di Scala (.1)
Vice President