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Dear Advisory Council Members,

Thank you to everyone who has already confirmed for our inaugural event on Friday, December 5, and Saturday, December 6. If you have not yet responded or are now unable to attend, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

I want to give you a clearer picture of the program. Originally, we planned a single public event culminating Saturday after-noon. As invitations went out, however, several speakers expressed serious reservations about speaking frankly on sensitive topics in a fully public setting. It became evident that we would lose invaluable candid insights if everything remained open to the public and the press. To preserve both candor and transparency, I have divided the event into two distinct parts:

1. Centers Strategy Colloquium - Friday afternoon & Saturday morning

(Closed-door, invitation-only; primarily for Advisory Council members, select academics, and Board of Regents members)

By “Centers Strategy” we mean the widespread practice of creating centers to expand universities’ viewpoint diversity and civics offerings. This portion will operate under the *Chatham House Rule* (information may be used, but the identity and affiliation of speakers may not be revealed). The only exception is the final Saturday-morning session (11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.), which focuses on the creation and early initiatives of our Center for Intellectual Freedom. This Saturday 11:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. session will be the only one devoted specifically to our Center and will be live-streamed.

2. Reforming Universities Summit - Saturday afternoon

(Public event open to legislators, policymakers, business and community leaders, students, and the general public, subject to seating availability.)

This will feature the Capstone Panel with Governor Kim Reynolds and the keynote address by Christopher Rufo.

Please find the complete schedule attached.

We are deeply honored that so many of you will be with us for this historic launch. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

I very much look forward to seeing you in Iowa City.

Warm regards,

Luciano

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