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John Connolly
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Dear Mr. Connolly:

The Institute for Public Dialogue articulates a proposal that reminds us that the values of higher education are more than mere pedantries; they are there to lend clarity when institutions face their most trying challenges.

It is with excitement, then, that we offer our support for the Institute for Public Dialogue. With this affirmation comes also a request: that, as Mr. Connolly implements his new medium of international discourse, he maintain fidelity with those ideals he acclaimed when this endeavor began.

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On Behalf of the Senate of the Amherst Association of Students