



October 4, 2017

Bryan Johns

Dear Bryan:

Subject: Application for Approval of Peaceful Demonstration

I write to acknowledge receipt of Application for Approval of Peaceful Demonstration on October 13, 2017, from 4:30 PM until 11:30 PM in the areas surrounding EMPAC and Folsom Library, submitted by you, to my office on September 28, 2017. For the reasons explained below, I am denying the application for the date and time requested, but will work with you on proposed alternative dates and times.

October 13, 2017 is a date that has been planned for a number of events on campus related to Reunion/Homecoming and the launch of Rensselaer's Capital Campaign. Hundreds of guests and families will be on campus, moving between venues, including in and around EMPAC and the Folsom Library. In fact, you may recall that we announced many weeks ago that Folsom Library would be closed for one of the events on the very evening requested by your application. Rensselaer's Public Safety team will be fully occupied in providing security for these events in addition to their normal safety and security work. Given the potential for a demonstration to disrupt these events and to exceed our capacity for providing safety and security, we made a decision some time ago that we would not approve demonstration applications for the dates of October 12-14, 2017.

I welcome you to schedule a time to come see me this week to discuss alternative days and times you might conduct the demonstration.

Please contact Victoria Luzinas, (518)276-6266 to identify a time convenient to meet.

Sincerely,

Travis T. Apgar
Assistant Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students

Cc. Jerry Matthews, Director of Rensselaer Public Safety

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