“The Physics and Astronomy Department strongly believes that any threat to Academic Freedom must be vigorously engaged. Attempts to constrain discussion that impacts broad segments of our society is particularly offensive and counter to the foundations of higher education. Societal and scientific repression by those in authority has a long history of bad outcomes. We, as a department, support the freedom to teach without constraints or interference, and we strongly protest the recent statements and budget cuts announced by the House of Representatives.”