

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS
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March 25, 2004

To whom it may concern

Re: Dr. Josephine Ho

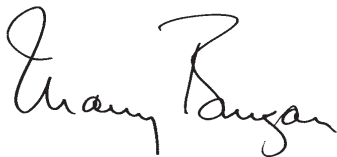
I write to you as the general secretary of the American Association of University Professors, a national association of higher education faculty in the U.S. Our primary mission is the protection of the academic freedom of college and university professors.

I urge you to consider the implications for academic freedom in your society as you review the case of Dr. Ho. It is essential for a growing democracy to permit – even encourage – inquiry into all academic subjects, including scientific and social studies of human life and behavior. Dr. Ho's research in sexology is a recognized branch of academic study in this country and in most countries with well established university systems.

The assurance of academic freedom encourages researchers and teachers to advance knowledge beyond traditional bounds. While such advances can be uncomfortable for conservators of tradition, they are essential stages in the healthy development of the society. We urge you to recognize Dr. Ho's academic work in this context.

We offer these comments respectfully to assist in your deliberative processes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Burgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Burgan
General Secretary