

**Subject:** Re: Request from NEPR - Tibet  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 3:56:56 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Christopher Dunn  
**To:** Krieg, Alexis (Warren)  
**CC:** Rose, Lacey (Warren), Cournoyer, Matt (Warren)

Hi Alexis,  
Thank you, that looks terrific. Thanks for the support.

So you have it, here is our statement. Please let me know if there are questions or concerns or if you need more info.

Thanks  
Chris

"At UMass Amherst, we respect and celebrate the identities and cultures of people throughout the world. Our international students, faculty, and staff for decades have played an invaluable role in contributing to our vibrant campus community. In determining which countries are represented in the annual "Parade of Nations" procession of student flag-bearers at Commencement, we rely on a list of nations recognized by the U.S. State Department. These are the countries from which official student immigration documents are issued. While we understand and appreciate the disappointment of students who wish to carry flags representing their ethnic, cultural, and national identities that are not on this list, we feel that the standard we apply to determine inclusion in our procession of flags is reasonable and equitable."

On May 3, 2017, at 3:29 PM, Krieg, Alexis (Warren) <[Alexis\\_Krieg@warren.senate.gov](mailto:Alexis_Krieg@warren.senate.gov)> wrote:

Hi Chris,

Wanted to flag this request we received from Nancy over at NEPR (pasted below). We've blown past her deadline, but are considering a response along the lines of, "We support peaceful advocacy of Tibet, but as a UMass guest, respect the current policy."

Let me know if you have any concerns with that framework, or any background that would be helpful to know as we consider this one.

Best,  
Alexis Krieg

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**From:** Nancy Cohen <[ncohen@nepr.net](mailto:ncohen@nepr.net)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 12:37 PM  
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**Subject:** Media Request: New England Public Radio

Alexis,

A graduating senior at UMass is asking Senator Warren to urge the University to allow her to carry the Tibetan flag during the commencement ceremony. The University says they allow only flags from countries recognized by the U.S. State Department.

The student, Kalsang Nangpa, has not heard back from the senator yet.

I'm writing to ask how the senator plans to respond to the students request.  
Can you also confirm whether Warren will speak at commencement.

In addition, I would also appreciate the chance to speak with Senator Warren about this on the phone today.

My deadline is 3 pm.

Thank you for your help.

Kind regards,  
Nancy

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