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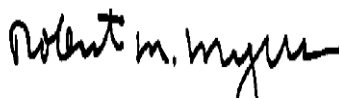
Dear Ms. Namazi:

I am responding to your letter dated October 20, 2023, to Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery, requesting a response to FIRE's position that "SMC must immediately permit the play [*By the River Rivanna*] to proceed – so long as the students would like to do so." On the evening of October 19, 2023, the faculty and students involved in the play decided to halt production of the play. On Friday, October 20, 2023, the College issued the following statement concerning this decision:

"The Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department's production of the play 'By the River Rivanna,' originally scheduled to run Oct. 20-29, 2023 has been halted following a collective decision made by the faculty and student actors involved."

Let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely yours,


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