



## The State

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### Statement Regarding Recent Events, Rich Gulla, SEA President

The political and social landscape in the U.S. seems to have an ever-changing 'climate,' and in times like these, we look to our leadership to guide us. Freedom of speech is part of what makes our administration and this country great. The right to organize, the right to gather, the ability to change policy, change a nation, change the world. In times such as these, it is not about politics surrounding those rights; it's about doing what's right.

John F. Kennedy once stated, "Let us not seek the Republican or the Democratic answer but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future."

What we need and what we call for as leaders within our state are peace, unity, and calm. We know these are uncertain times, but it is also time to leave it behind. The nation will take responsibility for the decisions that have been made, and we must move on. Showing solidarity by remaining calm is showing our strength to rise above.

In Solidarity,

Rich