

To the Senators of the USG:

Good evening. We understand that there has been some discussion about Turning Point USA's place on Tulane's campus, and we hope that we can assuage some of those concerns with the following points:

Firstly, Turning Point USA is an organization that stands for freedom above all else, and supports limiting governmental power. Our organizational structure works the same way, with each campus chapter given considerable autonomy. Therefore, we have the authority to accept or reject different aspects of the national organization's goals. The national organization does indeed espouse Professor Watchlist. We do not. Nationals is strongly in favor of fossil fuels. We personally are not; and thus, we have eliminated that from our agenda. Nationals knows that we are taking these actions and has not expressed any negative sentiment; on the contrary, we are encouraged to tailor our program to best fit the concerns and wishes of the Tulane community.

Secondly, a few of the complaints that have come to my attention involve social conservatism and alleged ties to the Republican Party. Let us state this as clearly as we can—this chapter wants nothing to do with arguments on social issues. We have chosen to focus on economics above all else, along with discussions of different governmental models (e.g. capitalist vs. socialist governments). This is a nonpartisan agency, which means that we are unaffiliated with any party, although

it does not mean that we possess no political opinions. What we care about is ideas, not parties, and anybody—regardless of major, gender or party affiliation—is welcome to join. In the 2016 presidential election, we had members vote for Hillary Clinton, Gary Johnson, Donald Trump and even one for Evan McMullin. It would be beyond our role on this campus—and any other—to tell people which party or candidate to vote for.

Thank you all for your attention thus far, and I would just like to finish on the following note: this is not a sinister organization, and it is not our goal to create conflict of any kind. In fact, we condemn such behavior. We do not wish to be anything more than an organization of thinkers who believe that people are happier, healthier and more prosperous when they have the ability to speak without fear and trade without restrictions.

Thank you again, and we hope that you enjoy a pleasant week.

Regards,

Turning Point USA at Tulane University