

Dear Colleague,

It has recently been reported that the Department of Justice, under the direction of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, is considering legal action against colleges and universities over the use of race and ethnicity in college admissions decisions. NACAC has released a [statement of opposition](#) to the reported plan, citing the recent Supreme Court ruling in *Fisher v. University of Texas* which “affirmed and further clarified the right of colleges to consider race and ethnicity as one factor among many in admission decisions”.

NYSACAC supports NACAC’s position and stands opposed to any efforts by the Trump Administration to investigate and/or bring about any litigation upon a college or university for their limited use of race and ethnicity in the college admissions process. As college counseling professionals we understand the importance of diversity among our student bodies. We therefore seek to promote access and equity in post-secondary education, and believe in a social responsibility to support those populations who have faced historic barriers to college entry. To this end, we believe that race and ethnicity serve a compelling interest in the college admissions process.

We encourage each of our members to familiarize themselves with [the opinion of the Supreme Court](#) in deciding *Fisher v. University of Texas*, and to reach out to your elected representatives in the [House](#) and [Senate](#) to express your views on the matter.

Sincerely,

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