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APSA Statement on Bomb Threats Against Historically Black Colleges and Universities

In January and February 2022, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the United States have been subjected to bomb [threats](#). These threats are disruptive to the academic enterprise and they take [an emotional and financial toll](#) on students, faculty, staff, administrators and institutions—all vital members of the higher education community. In addition to the heavy personal toll suffered by those in the HBCU community, these threats impede academic freedom by chilling speech and disrupting research, teaching, and learning at HBCUs. APSA, the discipline of political science, and the broader academic community directly benefit from the excellent contributions of scholars educated by and working within HBCUs. Racially motivated intimidation and threats are unacceptable and must not be tolerated. On behalf of the American Political Science Association, we share our support for all those affected by these threats, and we condemn in the strongest possible terms the efforts to intimidate and provoke fear within and across these important academic institutions.

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John Ishiyama
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Martin'.

Lisa Martin
President-Elect

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier'.

Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier
Past President

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Steven Rathgeb Smith
Executive Director

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