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Subject: A&M faculty seeks to protect professors from backlash

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KYLE MCCLENAGAN '23
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Dear Kyle,

So the Eagle, a liberal publication, is now suggesting that FOIA is a nasty tool used by conservative publications to target liberal members of the A&M Faculty.

Here is a wake up call for the youngest reporter on the Eagle staff.....no publication uses FOIA more than the Eagle. The Eagle resorts to FOIA simply because members of the faculty at A&M seem to believe that “**academic freedom**” means tenured professors can say anything they want, on any subject, and not be held accountable. Especially by the press!

What the senior associate vice president for faculty affairs should be telling young faculty members is that FOIA is alive and well, so if you don't want to be quoted in the Eagle or the Washington Examiner keep your mouth shut.

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