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**To:** Jay Riestenberg

**Subject:** Re: UD's Funding From Koch Foundations

Dear Jay,

Thank you for your message. We are not currently receiving Koch Foundations funding, to the best of my knowledge. Nor are we seeking such funding.

The funding that was received in the past supported a series of guest lectures in the School of Business. There were no faculty appointments involved; nor were the lectures inappropriate for an academic setting, from what I understand.

There have been instances in which other foundations who are funded in part by the Koch Brothers have tried to interest us in establishing centers at UD. We have not supported those proposals, precisely for the reasons you cite.

I am glad to see that you work for Common Cause. It is a valuable organization, with a critically important mission of public service.

Best wishes,

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