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## **Urban Libraries Council Statement on Trump Administration's Intent to Investigate and Sue Universities for Discriminating Against Whites**

*Justice Department expected to shift resources to halt affirmative action policies at universities*

WASHINGTON – In response to the news that the U.S. Department of Justice is preparing to investigate and sue universities over affirmative action policies deemed discriminatory to whites, Urban Libraries Council President and CEO Susan Benton issued the following statement:

“We do not have a level playing field in this country. Low-income people of color are at a disadvantage every step of the way from birth, through primary and secondary school, into college and then the working world. We in our urban libraries see students who don't have computers, internet access or the ability do their homework at home. They count on libraries for the basic tools to have even a shot at success. We call on the Trump administration to end the discriminatory efforts to stop leveling the playing field for people of color before they even begin.”

### **About Urban Libraries Council**

Urban Libraries Council (ULC), founded in 1971, is the voice for public libraries and the force that inspires them to evolve. ULC creates the tools, techniques, and ideas to make ongoing



improvements and upgrades in services and technology. ULC also speaks loudly and clearly about the value public libraries bring to communities, and secures funding for research that results in the development of new programs and services. And by serving as a forum for library leadership, ULC produces innovative ideas and best practices that ensure community impact.

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