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Dear Rector Holm-Nielsen,

I am astonished to learn that the University of Aarhus is continuing its politically-correct witch-hunt of Professor Helmuth Nyborg. I wrote at length to the University in 2006 (attached) in order to lay out the reasons why his unpopular research conclusions were in fact widely supported by evidence from other universities (including my own) and why the university should not be taking sides in this ongoing debate. I now learn that the university administration refuses to maintain the rules of polite academic discourse and allows its senior administrative staff to blacken the name of Prof. Nyborg in ways that are not only outrageous, but libelous.

I have previously urged Prof. Nyborg to take his grievances and right his wrongs through academic and administrative channels. I find I must now reverse my position and urge him to seek legal redress against a university administration that adamantly refuses to defend his academic freedom and right to be free of calumny engaged in by the administrative Dean, Director, and university website links.

The University of Aarhus is becoming quite well-known in North America for its persecution of Prof. Nyborg. I urge you to intervene in the actions of your administrative staff before matters get much worse. While the Dean and Director may have the right to voice an opinion as individuals, surely they do not have the right to speak for the university. By allowing this outrage to continue, the university makes itself equally culpable

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