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President Janet Napolitano  
University of California, Office of the President  
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Dear President Napolitano and Board of Regents Members,

This letter is written with respect to the vote by members of UAW 2865 to support the international "Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions" (BDS) movement.

The UAW 2865 vote is consistent with a dramatic spike in anti-Semitism and anti-Israel activity on campuses in California and across the country. Promotion of BDS by faculty has been behind much of the problem.

Faculty who misuse the university in this way contribute to the creation of a hostile and threatening environment for many Jewish students, who have reported feeling harassed, intimidated and isolated by their professors.

For this reason, I greatly appreciate that Provost Dorr took the time to explicitly remind all Chancellors that the Regents Policy on Course Content prohibits UAW 2865 graduate student instructors from promoting BDS and anti-Israel propaganda in the classroom.

Earlier this week, in a letter authored by Tammi Benjamin of AMCHA, 22 education, civil rights and Jewish advocacy organizations wrote to you asking if the Regents Policy on Course Content also applies to UC faculty. *I join in asking that question.* The classroom must be a place where all views are welcomed and all students feel they can have a voice. The classroom should not be a soapbox for a professor's political advocacy.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact my office with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Bloom".

**RICHARD BLOOM**  
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