

## Reply to Chancellor Subbaswamy: 84 organizations request clarification from UMass Faculty Senate

SENT VIA EMAIL

November 7, 2019

Dear Chancellor Subbaswamy,

Thank you for your response to our letter. We greatly appreciate and applaud you for launching this important discussion about departmental event sponsorship and wanted to take the opportunity to clarify our belief that such a discussion must include a specific conversation about **whether using the name and resources of the university to promote an activist political agenda is a legitimate use of academic freedom or an abuse of it.** Such a discussion would provide answers, at a minimum, to the following questions: Does the Faculty Senate condone behavior that undermines the academic mission of the university and propagates political, ethnic and religious hatred on your campus? If not, will the Senate take necessary steps to prevent such abusive behavior in the future?

As stakeholders, members of the concerned public, and members of a community recently targeted on your campus, we are all eager to learn the answers to these critical questions.

Thank you very much for your leadership on this issue,

Academic Council for Israel  
Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity (AEPi)  
Alums for Campus Fairness - National  
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Davis  
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Riverside  
Alums for Campus Fairness - UCLA  
AMCHA Initiative  
America Israel Cooperative Enterprise  
American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists  
American Institute for Jewish Research  
American Truth Project  
American Values

Americans Fighting Antisemitism  
Americans for Peace and Tolerance  
B'nai B'rith International  
BEAR: Bias Education, Advocacy & Resources  
Bnai Zion Foundation  
Bobcats for Israel at Ohio University  
Boston Israel Action Committee  
Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law  
Bulldogs for Israel (Brooklyn College)  
California Association of Scholars  
Campus Anti-Semitism Task Force of the North Shore  
Center for Combating Antisemitism  
Center for Righteousness and Integrity  
Christians and Jews United for Israel  
Club Z  
Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA)  
Conference of Jewish Affairs  
Dartmouth Students for Israel  
Davis Faculty for Israel  
Eagles Wings  
Endowment for Middle East Truth (EMET)  
Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME)  
Fuel For Truth  
Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors  
Hasbara Fellowships  
Herut North America, U.S. Division  
Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel  
Iranian American Jewish Federation  
Iranian Jewish Women's Organization  
Israel in NYC  
Israel Matters  
Israel Peace Initiative (IPI)  
Israeli-American Civic Action Network  
Israeli-American Civic Education Institute  
Israeli-American Coalition for Action  
Israeli-American Council (IAC)  
Jewish American Affairs Committee of Indiana  
Jewish War Veterans of the USA  
Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa (JIMENA)  
Librarians for Fairness

Middle East Forum  
Middle East Political and Information Network (MEPIN)  
National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel  
National Council of Young Israel  
NCSY  
NH4Israel  
North Carolina Coalition for Israel  
Proclaiming Justice to the Nations  
Rabbinical Alliance of America  
Religious Zionists of America  
Rhode Island Coalition for Israel  
Russian Jewish Community Foundation  
Scholars for Peace in the Middle East  
Simon Wiesenthal Center  
StandWithUs  
StandWithUs Saidoff Legal Department  
Stop Anti-Semitism Now  
Stop BDS on Campus  
Students and Parents Against Campus Anti-Semitism  
Students Supporting Israel at Columbia  
Students Supporting Israel at Drake University  
Students Supporting Israel at UCLA  
Students Supporting Israel National  
Swarthmore Alumni Against Antisemitism on Campus  
The Israel Christian Nexus  
The Lawfare Project  
Tufts Friends of Israel  
WoMen Fight Antisemitism  
World Jewish Congress North America  
Young Jewish Conservatives  
Zachor Legal Institute  
Zionist Organization of America

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Chair Commonwealth of Massachusetts Joint Committee on Higher Education,  
Anne M. Gobi  
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Jeffrey N. Roy

**On Nov 6, 2019, at 8:32 AM, Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy wrote:**

Thank you for writing. As you note, the Faculty Senate is, at our urging, considering the question of departmental sponsorship of events.

Sincerely,

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