121 Organizations Warn University Leaders about the Dangers of Faculty for Justice in Palestine and Urge Safeguards to Prevent Student Harm

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SENT VIA EMAIL TO 170 CAMPUSES HOSTING FJP CHAPTERS

Dear President/Chancellor,

We write as 121 education, civil rights and religious organizations, who are deeply concerned by the implications of newly-established chapters of Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP) at your campus, among dozens of other U.S. campuses.

By way of background, FJP chapters were established in response to a call from the American affiliate of the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI), an organization with foundational ties to five U.S. designated terrorist organizations, including Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The primary mission of FJP chapters is to promote on their campuses an academic boycott of Israel -- a boycott whose implementation denies your own students and faculty crucial educational opportunities and academic freedom and can't help but incite animus and violence towards Jewish members of your campus community.

We draw to your attention the <u>recent report</u>, "Academic Extremism: How a Faculty Network Fuels Campus Unrest and Antisemitic Violence," which documents how FJP chapters are fueling the unprecedented campus unrest and antisemitic violence that have gripped U.S. campuses in the aftermath of Hamas' 10/7/23 attack on Israel.

Faculty members should be free to speak their minds and to advocate for the positions that they support. However, it is essential for universities to establish robust safeguards and enforcement mechanisms to prevent those faculty members from using their academic positions and departmental affiliations to promote ideologically-motivated activism that directly targets their own students and colleagues - your own campus community members - for harm. We urge you to review the report with an eye towards taking firm and immediate steps to implement its recommendations of setting up those robust safeguards and enforcement mechanisms.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership in these unprecedented and challenging times.

The Undersigned 121 Organizations

A Time to Stand

Academic Council for Israel

Alliance of Blacks and Jews

Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity (AEPi)

Alums for Campus Fairness - National

Alums for Campus Fairness - Tufts

Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Davis

Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Riverside

Amariah

AMCHA Initiative

America Israel Cooperative Enterprise

American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists

American Friends of Tel Aviv University

American Friends of the Hebrew University

American Jewish Congress

American Russian-Speaking Jews Alliance

American Values

Americans Against Antisemitism

Americans Fighting Antisemitism

Americans for a Safe Israel

Americans for Peace and Tolerance

Atlanta Israel Coalition

B'nai B'rith International

BEAR: Bias Education, Advocacy & Resources

Beverly Hills Synagogue

Binghamton University Zionist Organization (BUZO)

BIPACT (Bipartisan Action Against Antisemitism)

Boston Israel Action Committee

Bulldogs for Israel (Brooklyn College)

CAFI - CUNY Alliance for Inclusion

Californians for Equal Rights

CAMERA Education Institute

CAMERA on Campus

CAMERA's Partnership of Christians and Jews

Campus Anti-Semitism Task Force of the North Shore

Chabad at Brooklyn College

Chabad at UCLA Jewish Student Center

Christians and Jews United for Israel

Club Z

Coalition Against Antisemitism at Northwestern (CAAN)

Coalition for Jewish Values

Coalition of Hindus of North America

Combat Anti-Semitism Movement

Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis (CAMERA)

Creative Community for Peace

Davis Faculty for Israel

Eagles Wings

Education Without Indoctrination

Educators Caucus for Israel (JewTLA)

EndJewHatred

Endowment for Middle East Truth (EMET)

Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME)

Faculty and Staff Against Antisemitism at NYU (FSAANYU)

Faculty for Academic Freedom and Against Antisemitism

FAIR Education Santa Barbara

Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors

Hasbara Fellowships

Hillel at Baruch, City, John Jay, Pace, SVA, Fordham, FIT & The New School

Hillel of San Diego

Hillel of Silicon Valley

IAC for Action

Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel

International Christian Embassy Jerusalem -- USA

Iranian American Jewish Federation

Iranian Jewish Women's Organization

Israel Christian Nexus

Israel Committee of Santa Barbara

Israel in NYC

Israel Matters

Israel Peace Initiative (IPI)

Israeli-American Civic Action Network

Israeli-American Civic Education Institute

JAM

Jerusalem Education Fund

Jewish American Affairs Committee of Indiana

Jewish Faculty Resilience Group (JFrg) at UCLA

Jewish Studies Zionist Network

Jewish TV Channel

Jewish War Veterans of the USA

LatinX for Quality Education

Legal Insurrection Foundation

Liberate Art

Middle East Forum

Middle East Political and Information Network (MEPIN)

National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel

National Council of Young Israel

National Jewish Advocacy Center

NH4Israel

North Carolina Coalition for Israel

PeerK12

Persian American Civic Action Network (PACAN)

Proclaiming Justice to the Nations

Quest for Academic Excellence

Rabbinical Alliance of America

Rhode Island Coalition for Israel

Russian Jewish Community Foundation

Santa Barbara Hillel

Scholars for Peace in the Middle East

Simon Wiesenthal Center

Stop Anti-Semitism Now

Stop BDS on Campus

StopAntisemitism

Students Supporting Israel at Hofstra University

Students Supporting Israel at Loyola Marymount University

Students Supporting Israel at UC San Diego

Students Supporting Israel at University of Central Florida

Students Supporting Israel National

Students, Alumni, and Faculty for Equality on Campus (S.A.F.E Campus)

Swarthmore Alumni Against Antisemitism on Campus

Teachers' Resilience Institute: Builders of Education (TRIBE)

The Daniel Pearl Foundation

The Deborah Project

The Lawfare Project

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America

Wahoos for Israel (University of Virginia)

World Jewish Congress North America

Young Israel of Bedford Bay

Young Israel of Century City

Young Israel of New Rochelle

Zachor Legal Institute

Zionist Organization of America