

Dear President **NAME** and administration,

I write to you today with urgency and beg you to respond to the growing crisis in our community. We Americans have not experienced war or terrorism within our own borders in two decades, but the events of October 7th could be described as Israel's September 11 in the scale and barbarity of the attacks. Subsequently, my Jewish and Israeli friends, including students at the school, have been bullied and harassed, with little to no support from your organization. Given this war, we need your commitment now more than ever.

We have broken hearts as our community watches this play out at home. Parents were slaughtered in front of their children. Hundreds of young people at a music festival were stabbed and shot at point-blank range by Hamas terrorists. Women were raped and then paraded around the streets of Gaza with blood gushing from their bodies. Over 100 hostages have been taken back to the Gaza Strip, and their status is currently unknown. Hamas has threatened to begin executing hostages if Israel continues to attack military targets in Gaza. We are watching parents trying desperately to contact loved ones and waiting with bated breath to hear from their friends if they are safe.

Meanwhile, in the US and across the world, rallies are being held protesting Israel's self-defense. We are seeing these at an even higher rate on university campuses. Swastikas are held up high in our major cities. This is antisemitism, plain and simple. Members of the student body are posting anti-Jewish comments and misinformation on social media. Jewish and Israeli-born students have received personal threats targeting them simply because their Jewish and Israeli identities are publicly known. They are scared to confront these people in person, in classes and on campus, particularly when they do not know that they can count on the unwavering support of our faculty and staff.

It is incumbent upon you, as the leaders this school, to maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all students, no matter the individual's background. There will inevitably be difficult and emotional conversations, but these may not be allowed to turn into hate-flinging shouting matches.

We have every reason to believe that Jewish spaces will be targeted for antisemitic violence, and our hope is to stop such events before they happen. I implore you to undertake increased security measures across campus. I urgently ask you to bring a police presence or to hire private security for the Jewish buildings and institutions on campus. Additionally, I ask that measures be taken against student groups and faculty members who are creating an unsafe environment on campus and in the classrooms by supporting the actions of Hamas. Finally, I ask that the university release a statement in support of Israel while condemning these groups and individuals on campus. We ask you: would the university support someone justifying 9/11? Or did the university move to condemn the 9/11 attacks immediately?

If the school does not take urgent and decisive steps towards supporting Jewish and Israeli students and families, I do not see myself continuing to be a supporter of this institution. I hope you will take this issue more seriously going forward and maintain the reputation I have been proud to support until now.

I would appreciate a response outlining the steps you are taking to increase security and any plans you have to give support to Jewish and Israeli students and their families.

Respectfully,
NAME of DONOR(s)