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Mayor

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The Honorable Ted Lieu
2454 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter in Support of H.R. 3773, the Stop Anti-Semitism on College Campuses Act

Dear Representative Lieu:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I urge you to cosponsor H.R. 3773, the Stop Anti-Semitism on College Campuses Act. Representative Michael Lawler of New York introduced the legislation this past May and the measure is pending before the Education and Workforce Committee.

H.R. 3773 prohibits colleges from hosting and facilitating events that promote anti-Semitism on their campuses and would rescind federal funding for those that do. More specifically, the bill “prohibits institutions of higher education that authorize anti-Semitic events on campus from participating in the student loan and grant programs” under Title IV of the 1956 Higher Education Act. The legislation also adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s definition of anti-Semitism, a definition Beverly Hills adopted in 2019.

The rise of anti-Semitism in the United States is deeply concerning, particularly with the dramatic increase of attacks on synagogues and Jewish worshippers across the country. The attack on the Pittsburgh synagogue in 2018 which left 11 worshippers dead is tragically just one of many attacks on the Jewish community.

When acts of antisemitism occur, history shows it is imperative that people of good will condemn these acts of hatred aimed at marginalizing and scapegoating a whole religious community. As the late Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel once said, “We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”

Thank you in advance for your review and consideration to cosponsor and support H.R. 3773.

Sincerely,

Julian A. Gold, M.D.
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