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April 21, 2025

Dr. Wendy Raymond, President
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Mr. Michael B. Kim, Chairman
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Dear President Raymond and Mr. Kim:

We look forward to President Raymond's testimony at the full Committee on Education and Workforce (Committee) hearing: *Beyond the Ivy League: Stopping the Spread of Antisemitism on American Campuses*. We write to confirm that the hearing will be on May 7, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., and that the deadline for submitting President Raymond's testimony, completed truth in testimony form, curriculum vitae or resume, and brief biography is May 5, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. In addition, the Committee requests certain documents from Haverford College in preparation for the Committee's May 7 hearing.

As you know, the Committee continues to investigate and gather information about the rise of antisemitism on college campuses, including Haverford College, which has surged in the wake of the October 7, 2023, Hamas terror attack against Israel. In the month after the attack, antisemitic incidents in the United States increased 388 percent.¹ America's colleges and universities have been a major source in this rise in antisemitism. In particular, the Committee has found that "[i]n the aftermath of that horrific event, American institutions of higher education were upended by an epidemic of hate, violence, and harassment targeting Jewish students."²

Tragically, Committee oversight shows that antisemitism persists on college campuses, specifically at Haverford College. Just last month, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) published its second annual Campus Antisemitism Report Card, which assesses the "current state of

¹ Andrew Howard, *Anti-Defamation League Director: 388 Percent Increase in Antisemitism*, Politico (Nov. 5, 2023), <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/11/05/anti-defamation-league-antisemitism-00125438>.

² Staff of H. Comm. on Education and the Workforce at 1, 118th Cong., Rep. on Antisemitism on College Campuses Exposed (Comm. Print. 2024), <https://perma.cc/268S-8FPZ>.

antisemitism on campus and how universities and colleges are responding.”³ Haverford College received an “F” grade from the ADL.⁴ Haverford College’s Report Card notes that a number of antisemitic incidents have occurred on campus, including but not limited to, a significant disruption of an ADL-sponsored *Antisemitism 101* workshop on campus by protestors, and an incoming student being ridiculed by classmates after they discovered the student was Jewish.⁵ Notably, Haverford College failed to condemn the disruption of the *Antisemitism 101* workshop.⁶ These antisemitic incidents, coupled with Haverford’s failure to confront, address, and mitigate them, raise the specter that Haverford is currently in violation of federal civil rights laws and subjecting its Jewish students to unlawful discrimination.

But the Committee does not have to rely on the ADL’s Report Card; instead, it can rely on President Raymond’s own words. President Raymond recently emailed the entire Haverford community to acknowledge that there was “growing concern about antisemitism on [Haverford’s] campus,” that “flyers inviting the community to Chabad House . . . were displaced or removed,” and that one campus event “evoked centuries-old pernicious tropes related to blood libel.”⁷ In fact, the Committee has received direct reports of antisemitism regarding *another* campus event. On October 23, 2024, Haverford hosted a talk by Rebecca Alpert titled “Judaism Does (Not) Equal Zionism: Exploring American Jews’ Complicated Relationship to Israel/Palestine.”⁸ Whistleblowers who observed the event have informed the Committee that it promoted a culture of antisemitic discrimination.

The upcoming hearing will enable the Committee to hear from you firsthand, President Raymond, about incidents of antisemitism that have taken place on campus under your watch, any disciplinary actions the college has taken in response to these incidents, and any broader changes that the school has made to address campus antisemitism.

Congress’s power to investigate is derived from Article I of the Constitution and has been repeatedly affirmed by the Supreme Court.⁹ Under House Rule X, the Committee has legislative and oversight jurisdiction over “education or labor generally,”¹⁰ including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other antidiscrimination laws. Compliance with Title VI is a requirement to receive federal funds, including under programs authorized in the *Higher Education Act*. As

³ *Campus Antisemitism Report Card*, ADL, <https://perma.cc/7KCL-E9US> (last visited Apr. 17, 2025).

⁴ *Haverford College 2025 Report Card*, ADL: Campus Antisemitism Report Card, <https://perma.cc/6FZW-NK7H> (last visited Apr. 17, 2025).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Cade Fanning, President Raymond Addresses Concerns of Antisemitism on Campus, Haverford Clerk (Apr. 25, 2024), <https://perma.cc/8HMY-WCN6>.

⁸ “Judaism Does (Not) Equal Zionism: Exploring American Jews’ Complicated Relationship to Israel/Palestine” with Rebecca Alpert, Haverford, <https://perma.cc/WG9E-VPH7> (last visited Apr. 17, 2025).

⁹ See generally U.S. CONST. art. I, § 1 (“All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States . . .”); *McGrain v. Daugherty*, 273 U.S. 135, 174 (1927) (holding that “the power of inquiry—with process to enforce it—is an essential and appropriate auxiliary to the legislative function”); *Eastland v. U.S. Servicemen’s Fund*, 421 U.S. 491, 504 (1975) (holding that “the power to investigate is inherent in the power to make laws”); *Barenblatt v. United States*, 360 U.S. 109, 111 (1959) (holding that “the scope of power of inquiry . . . is as penetrating and far-reaching as the potential power to enact and appropriate under the Constitution.”).

¹⁰ RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 119th Cong. at 7 (Jan. 16, 2025), <https://rules.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/rules.house.gov/files/documents/houserules119thupdated.pdf>.

such, this hearing and the documents requested will further the Committee's understanding of the effectiveness of both Title VI and other existing antidiscrimination laws such as the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act*. The information gathered will also aid the Committee in considering whether potential legislative changes, including legislation to specifically address antisemitic discrimination, are needed.

To assist the Committee in understanding antisemitism at Haverford, including the college's response to antisemitism, President Raymond's testimony and the below-requested records are critical to the Committee's oversight investigation. Please produce the below items no later than 12:00 p.m. EDT on April 30, 2025.

1. Documents sufficient to show all changes to Haverford College's Student Constitution, Residential Life Handbook, and Code of Conduct (or equivalent) made subsequent to October 7, 2023.
2. Documents sufficient to show all changes to Haverford College's Honor Code, sometimes referred to as "The Code," made subsequent to October 7, 2023.
3. To the extent not covered by requests one and two above, documents sufficient to show all changes to Haverford College's policies and procedures governing student discipline, discrimination, and harassment made subsequent to October 7, 2023.
4. Documents sufficient to show all changes to Haverford College's masking (or equivalent) policy governing facial coverings made subsequent to October 7, 2023.
5. All meeting minutes and circulated materials provided to the Haverford College Board of Managers during the period August 1, 2023, through the date of this letter dealing with or mentioning antisemitism on Haverford College's campus.
6. Documents relating to the relationship between Haverford College and the Haverford Students for the Liberation of Palestine, Haverford Students for Justice in Palestine, Haverford Students for Peace, and Haverford Jewish Voices for Peace groups (otherwise known as Bi-Co Students for Peace, Bi-Co Students for the Liberation of Palestine, Bi-Co Students for Justice in Palestine, and Bi-Co Jewish Voices for Peace), including any registration documentation, any documentation of college funding of these organizations, such as through student activities fees, and any documentation relating to past sanctioning of these organizations.¹¹

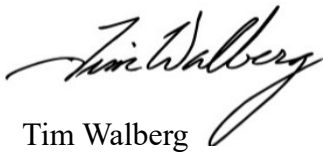
¹¹ Students for Justice in Palestine and related groups reportedly engage in violent, discriminatory, or otherwise illegal activity against Jews. *See, e.g., 7 Things to Know About Campus Support for Hamas and Antisemitism*, Found. for Def. of Democracies (Dec. 4, 2023), <https://www.fdd.org/analysis/2023/12/04/7-things-to-know-about-campus-support-for-hamas-and-antisemitism/>; Corey Walker, *Jewish Voice for Peace's 'Extremist' Anti-Israel Agenda, Terror Group Ties Highlighted in Report*, StandWithUs, <https://perma.cc/AU6V-4DMD> (last visited Apr. 17, 2025).

7. Any recordings of the October 23, 2024, event “Judaism Does (Not) Equal Zionism: Exploring American Jews’ Complicated Relationship to Israel/Palestine” featuring Rebecca Alpert.

When producing documents, do not alter them in any way, including but not limited to the application of redactions or watermarks. Additionally, digital copies should be provided in a format that enables their printing and copying.

Should you have questions, please contact Kent Talbert of the Committee staff at kent.talbert@mail.house.gov or 202-225-4527.

Sincerely,



Tim Walberg
Chairman
Committee on Education and Workforce



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