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Dr. Robert L. Manuel, President
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Mr. Michael Scudder, Chairman
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Dear President Manuel and Mr. Scudder:

We look forward to President Manuel'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 Manuel'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 DePaul University 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 DePaul University, 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 DePaul University. 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 DePaul University received an “F” grade from the ADL.⁴ DePaul University’s Report Card notes that a number of hostile antisemitic events have occurred on campus, including but not limited to a physical attack against two Jewish students who were showing support for Israel, and an anti-Israel encampment that was found to contain knives, a pellet gun, and other weapons and where numerous antisemitic incidents occurred.⁵

In regards to the violent attack, one of the students was allegedly diagnosed with a wrist fracture requiring surgery, and the other suffered a concussion as well as contusions and bruising.⁶ Both students have sued DePaul, alleging that “a DePaul public safety officer stood idly by” and watched the assault unfold but did nothing.⁷ Further, one of the students continued to be harassed by his antisemitic peers even after his assault.⁸ The students’ attorney has publicly stated that “DePaul University has done nothing to put a stop to this harassment, nor have they made any genuine effort since the attack to ensure the safety of their Jewish students moving forward.”⁹ DePaul’s alleged failure to confront, address, or otherwise mitigate these dangerous antisemitic incidents raise the specter that DePaul is in violation of federal civil rights laws.

The upcoming hearing will enable the Committee to hear from you firsthand, President Manuel, about these and other incidents of antisemitism that have taken place on campus under your watch, any disciplinary actions the university 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.¹⁰ Under House Rule X, the Committee has legislative and oversight jurisdiction over “education or labor generally,”¹¹ 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 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

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

⁴ *DePaul University 2025 Report Card*, ADL: Campus Antisemitism Report Card, <https://www.adl.org/campus-antisemitism-report-card/depaul-university> (last visited Apr. 17, 2025).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ See Complaint ¶ 67, *Maxwell Long, et al. v. DePaul University*, No. 2025L004536 (Cir. Ct. Cook County, IL Apr. 2, 2025).

⁷ *Id.* at ¶¶ 109, 118.

⁸ Todd Feurer and Suzanne Le Mignot, *2 Jewish students sue DePaul University for negligence after antisemitic attack on campus*, CBS (April 2, 2025), <https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/depaul-university-lawsuit-jewish-students-attacked-max-long-michael-kaminsky/>.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ 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.”).

¹¹ 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>.

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 DePaul University, including the university's response to antisemitism, President Manuel'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.

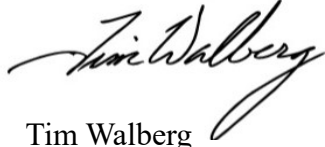
1. Documents sufficient to show all changes to DePaul University's Code of Student Responsibility (or equivalent) and Student Conduct Process (or equivalent) made subsequent to October 7, 2023.
2. To the extent not covered by request one above, documents sufficient to show all changes to DePaul University's policies and procedures governing student discipline, discrimination, and harassment, made subsequent to October 7, 2023.
3. Documents sufficient to show all changes to DePaul University's masking (or equivalent) policy governing facial coverings made subsequent to October 7, 2023.
4. All meeting minutes and circulated materials provided to the DePaul University Board of Trustees during the period August 1, 2023, through the date of this letter dealing with or mentioning antisemitism on DePaul University's campus.
5. Documents relating to the relationship between DePaul University and DePaul University's Students for Justice in Palestine and Jews 4 Justice groups, including any registration documentation, any documentation of university funding of these groups, such as through student activities fees, and any documentation relating to past sanctioning of these groups.¹²

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.

¹² 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). For example, at an October 25, 2023, Students for Justice in Palestine protest at DePaul, two Jewish students were threatened with physical harm by a protester. *See* Complaint at ¶ 30.

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

Sincerely,

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Tim Walberg
Chairman
Committee on Education and Workforce

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Burgess Owens
Chairman
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Enclosure: Instructions