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Dear House Education and Workforce Committee,

The North American Values Institute (NAVI) was created to counter the imposition of radical social justice ideology inside and outside the Jewish community and to combat the antisemitism it fuels. Because of this, we congratulate the Education and Workforce Committee, and Rep. Michael Baumgartner (WA) in particular, for introducing the *Defending Education Transparency and Ending Rogue Regimes Engaging in Nefarious Transactions (DETERRENT) Act*.

There are many factors that go into the sorts of anti-American, anti-Israel, anti-semitic actions we've seen on University campuses all over the U.S. in the past few years, including bigotry, radical ideology, and simple ignorance. But one thing that cannot be denied: countries that promote Hamas and other antisemitic, anti-American terrorist organizations have donated *massive* amounts of money to many of the most prestigious universities in America. And up to this point, very little has been required of them in terms of transparency, and even what was required is frequently not enforced.

The DETERRENT Act will go a long way to increasing that transparency, and ensuring that responsible administrators have the right tools to enforce it. While it will not solve the problem of antisemitism, anti-Americanism, and radicalism on college campuses, it will, at minimum, allow watchdog groups, journalists, and other stakeholders to have sufficient information to ask the tough questions that need to be asked about what foreign "frenemie" countries are getting for their money. The DETERRENT Act will significantly improve the status quo.

We at NAVI are happy to support the legislation, and urge both the House and Senate to pass it as soon as possible, and urge President Donald Trump to sign it.

Sincerely,

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