



The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise
Majority Leader
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Dear Speaker Johnson and Majority Leader Scalise:

As students prepare to return to campuses across the country, Congress has an important opportunity and responsibility to strengthen protections for Jewish students facing anti-Semitic discrimination and harassment. We therefore urge you to bring the **No Antisemitism in Education Act (H.R. 8476)** before the full House of Representatives for a vote in September.

H.R. 8476, which has been approved by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, is ready for consideration on the House floor. Its passage would send an unequivocal message that anti-Semitic discrimination will not be tolerated in American education and that institutions receiving federal funds must meet their obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Since October 7, 2023, anti-Semitism has escalated dramatically across the United States, with some of its most disturbing manifestations occurring on our nation's college and university campuses. Over the past two and a half years, the Committee on Education and the Workforce has conducted extensive investigations and held multiple hearings documenting the scope of the problem. Those efforts have exposed not only widespread anti-Semitic harassment and discrimination, but also the failure of too many university administrators to take the steps necessary to protect Jewish students and safeguard their civil rights.

H.R. 8476 provides Congress with a strong vehicle to address these failures. The legislation reinforces that colleges and universities must respond to anti-Semitic discrimination with the same seriousness required of other potential Title VI violations and codifies key elements of President Trump's Executive Order 14188, "Additional

Measures to Combat Anti-Semitism.” Most importantly, it strengthens accountability for institutions that fail to fulfill their civil rights obligations to Jewish students.

The beginning of the academic year is a particularly important moment for Congress to act. Jewish students should not return to campuses uncertain whether their universities will protect their rights or whether federal civil rights laws will be meaningfully enforced.

We respectfully urge you to bring H.R. 8476 to the House floor in September and to support its passage. Congress has spent considerable time documenting the crisis of campus anti-Semitism. Now is the time to act.

Sincerely,

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