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Dear President Esteban,

We write to express our pain and concern over the mistreatment of Professor Jason Hill by students and even faculty of DePaul University.

We have reviewed Prof. Hill's opinion piece, expressed as a private individual, in The Federalist. We readily agree that it runs contrary to current "progressive" thought, and is impassioned in its advocacy for Jewish civilization. But it is not remotely racist, discriminatory, or hateful.

If students and faculty wish to confront the issues he raised, it is not enough to say that his argument is antidemocratic. We must remember that the Nazi Party became the largest party in the Reichstag in 1932 by democratic vote. Palestinian Arabs elected Hamas, a group with precisely the same agenda for Jews, which has resulted in ongoing military conflict, terrorist activity and barbarism towards both Israelis and Gazans. They elected a Palestinian Authority which refuses international aid when accompanied by a precondition that the PA cease providing financial rewards to those who murder civilians such as US Army Veteran Taylor Force. Professor Hill's argument is worthy of sober discussion, not demonization.

Yet the reaction has been not to engage, but to attempt to close down, that discussion. It is amazing that the very same groups which claim it a violation of free speech for a state to dissociate itself from discriminatory, Antisemitic boycotts now demand that Professor Hill be muzzled.

But the hypocrisy is hardly limited to free speech. The campaign against him has been led by the Students for Justice in Palestine at DePaul (SJP), which led a chant, "Jason Hill, you can't hide, we know you want genocide." This is breathtaking in its inversion of reality. The misnamed SJP came to campus masquerading as a civil rights organization, but has rapidly distinguished itself as an Antisemitic hate group. Left unchecked, Antisemitism is inherently genocidal.

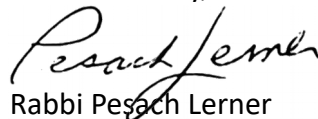
Look at the role models honored by the SJP. Without exaggeration, they are terrorists who celebrate the murder of Jewish children: Dalal Mughrabi of the Coastal Road Massacre; George Habash, founder of the PFLP terrorist organization; and PFLP member Rasmeh Odeh, who murdered a pair of Hebrew University college students — and then lied about it when applying for US citizenship.

Still more to the point, a study by the Amcha Initiative determined that the likelihood of Antisemitic activity on a particular campus increases *eight times* if it hosts an SJP chapter. If you would not abide a chapter of the Ku Klux Klan at DePaul, providing resources to the SJP adopts a double standard egregiously hostile to Jewish students. No one can claim Prof. Hill has incited hatred towards Arab or Muslim students in any similar fashion, by pushing back against the grotesque and hateful narrative of that organization.

We would appreciate a response that not merely defends Prof. Hill's right to free speech, but honestly addresses the question, would you permit a chapter of the KKK at DePaul, and if not, why is the SJP welcome?

We await your earliest reply.

Yours Sincerely,



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