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A. Gabriel Esteban, Ph.D., President

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Dear President Esteban,

One month ago, we sent you a letter expressing "our pain and concern over the mistreatment of Professor Jason Hill by students and even faculty of DePaul University." In that letter, we rejected the accusations against Prof. Hill, and pointed out that the campaign against him was initiated by Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), an Antisemitic hate group known for honoring murderers of Jews.

We requested that you clarify how you are protecting Prof. Hill's right to free speech, and how you would react to a KKK chapter at DePaul — to which we might add, how would you react if faculty were to endorse a KKK-led campaign against an individual faculty member?

It is disappointing to note that there has been no response to our previous letter.

This matter is of special concern because the faculty endorsement of an SJP-initiated effort to demonize Prof. Hill, combined with the well-documented, proven link between SJP and acts of Antisemitism directed at individual Jewish students, may be deemed sufficient to establish the university's liability for creating a hostile environment for its Jewish students.

Thus DePaul University's actions — and inaction — have created a situation that could do lasting damage to its reputation and financial health, should an Antisemitic act occur against any Jewish (or other) student. You have the capacity to both protect academic freedom and denounce Antisemitism, whether from students or faculty, which would seem to be both eminently reasonable for any university, and a simple act of self-preservation for DePaul in particular.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pesach Lerner".

Rabbi Pesach Lerner
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yaakov Menken".

Rabbi Yaakov Menken
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