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Dear President Espy and Provost Clabo,

Coalition for Jewish Values, representing over 2,500 traditional, Orthodox rabbis, is the largest rabbinic public policy organization in America. I write today to offer our warm congratulations to you on the occasion of your being designated “hostile” by the genocidal terror front group called the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).

Its leaders bill their organization as defending civil rights, but CAIR’s support for antisemitism, terrorism, and genocide dates to its inception at the behest of the Muslim Brotherhood. It was listed as an unindicted co-conspirator in the federal prosecution of the Holy Land Foundation, whose founders were convicted in 2009 for providing material support to Hamas. Since then, it has continued to smear Jewish and other organizations opposed to terrorism.

In the wake of the Hamas-led massacres of October 7, 2023, CAIR has only doubled down on its openly antisemitic rhetoric, and has stoked harassment and violence against Jewish students and their allies on campuses across America — including at Wayne State University.

While we have not evaluated the level of tolerance of antisemitism on your campus, the fact that you have attracted CAIR’s censure is a strong indicator that you are standing up for the rights of all your students to both free expression and safety. We hope that you will continue in this vein and earn yourselves further “condemnations” from supporters of Jew-hatred and terror. You should wear them with pride.

Yours Sincerely,

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

Rabbi Yaakov Menken
Executive Vice President