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VIA E-MAIL

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Dear President Aoun:

On behalf of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), we commend you and your administration for promptly and appropriately responding to the most recent outrageous act of anti-Semitism committed by the student group that calls itself Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP). Last month, the SJP continued its campaign of anti-Semitic harassment and intimidation: It put fake “eviction notices” under students’ doors in several residence halls. These notices contained false and demonizing information about Israel, calculated to incite hatred of the Jewish State. The “eviction notices” were designed to look genuine, leading some students to believe that they were actually being evicted – during midterms. Once again, the SJP’s actions caused alarm and even fear in students. Thanks to you, the SJP’s campaign of anti-Semitic harassment and intimidation has finally been stopped.

We understand from on-line postings by SJP supporters and the SJP itself that this group – which was already on probation for having disrupted a presentation by Israeli soldiers last year – has now been suspended for at least one year, and its current executive board members are permanently banned from serving on any future board in the organization. In addition, SJP members reportedly must undergo training led by university administrators as a condition of reinstatement, and at least two SJP students may be individually sanctioned and are possibly facing expulsion.

These steps were absolutely the reasonable and right ones to take. The SJP has been acting with vicious bigotry, abusing university rules and policies. You have now told the SJP, loud and clear, that it is accountable for its infractions, just like everyone else. You have also sent an equally important message to the rest of the university community – that while Northeastern supports a robust exchange of diverse ideas, it will not be at the expense of anyone’s physical and psychological safety and well-being. Fostering a climate of hostility, which is the SJP’s modus operandi, is against the mission and core values of Northeastern University.

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Thank you for your leadership. We hope that you will continue to ensure that Northeastern University lives up to its mission and core values.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Morton A. Klein", written over a horizontal line.

Morton A. Klein
National President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Susan B. Tuchman", written over a horizontal line.

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