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Vice President Harris
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Dear Vice President Harris,

Today two bullies are conspiring against you, Trump and his dear ally Netanyahu.

Israel has managed to control and exploit America for a long time. Netanyahu comes to America as if he owned the country. Keeping your distance from him is a good first step. But I am afraid he has in America a great deal of support not only from Republicans but also from a lot of brainwashed Americans. You must pull the rug from underneath him and take the initiative.

What I am going to propose is risky but it can help you seal your election. In order to win, bold moves are useful.

Bypass Netanyahu and take the initiative of proposing a peace plan to the Palestinian people. Ask them to demand that Hamas releases all the hostages unconditionally. In return you will guarantee the creation of a Palestinian state that is sovereign and viable. In order to do that, you do not need the consent of Netanyahu. The time has come for America to free herself from her abject subordination to a state that justifies the unjustifiable.

For a long time Israel was seen in America as an asset. Today it has become a liability. It has the right to exist, not the right to oppress the Palestinian people.

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I have started reading a book entitled, **MYTH AMERICA**. The subtitle is **Historians take on the biggest legends and lies about our past**. An important thing is missing in that book, namely the notion that is accepted today in America that any criticism of Israel is a form of anti-Semitism. The former President of Harvard University was forced to resign because she would not endorse that erratic view. Some Jewish professors at Oxford University have written a note about this question. I will enclose a copy of it. Taboos of this kind are detrimental to the mental health of America.

You cannot get rid of Trump as easily as you can marginalize Netanyahu. But marginalizing Netanyahu is a good first step for exposing the myths and lies that have become the daily bread of many misguided Americans.

The battle for the presidency is not purely political (inflation, immigration, abortion and so on). It has become, much more importantly, ideological. In this regard, ordinary politicians are useless. You need the expertise of scholars.

Sincerely yours,

Open Letter from Concerned Jewish Faculty at the University of Oxford

27 May 2024

Dear Vice-Chancellor Tracey,

We are Jewish faculty, staff, and emeriti at the University of Oxford of wide-ranging political persuasions, cultural backgrounds, and degrees of religious identification and observance. Some of us teach and do research on Jewish history, the Holocaust, or Israel; others have nothing to do with Jewish themes in our professional lives. All of us, however, are deeply disturbed by the rising tide of rhetoric conflating criticism of Israel's war in Gaza with antisemitism, and by the use of this rhetoric to justify government interference in higher education and repression of student protest—all under the pretext of 'protecting' Jewish students and staff.

As we write, the International Court of Justice has ordered Israel immediately to halt its assault on Rafah in order to safeguard Palestinians' right to be protected from acts of genocide. We are deeply proud of the Oxford students, many of them Jewish, who have stood in solidarity with the international student movement protesting a war that has killed thousands of university teachers and students and leveled every single university in Gaza. As Jews, as educators, and as human beings, we stand with them.

According to the University's statement issued on Thursday evening, Oxford's Palestine Solidarity Encampment has created 'a deeply intimidating environment for many members of our community, including our Jewish students and staff and members of the local Jewish community'. This is not our experience. It is also not our experience that the Oxford administration has been open to dialogue with members of the Jewish community who are supportive of the encampment; when some of us reached out to you recently to propose a conversation, you ignored our offer. We therefore object to the University's reductive and misleading claims to speak on our behalf. The characterisation of Jews as a uniform mass with a single viewpoint is itself a common and insidious antisemitic trope.

We implore you to listen to—and learn from—our students who have been urging the University to reckon with its complicity in the catastrophe unfolding in Gaza. In accordance with the University's commitments to academic freedom and democratic governance, we encourage you to follow the lead of colleagues at the University of Cambridge, Trinity College Dublin, the University of York, and elsewhere who have chosen to engage in meaningful, good-faith dialogue with protesting students.

Yours sincerely,

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