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Ellen Granberg, Ph.D.
President, The George Washington University
1918 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20052

Dear President Granberg:

We are writing to express our deep concern and discontent over the University's response to Tuesday's anti-Israel projections on behalf of the membership of our four Jewish fraternal organizations. We are horrified to learn that terrorist rhetoric against Jews and Zionists was publicly displayed on campus property for nearly two hours before the messages were removed.

We appreciate that you made a statement in response to these actions and have continued to communicate with the community, but your response was unactionable and the expressed plan of accountability is vague. The perpetrators of this act are glorifying hate crimes, violence and antisemitism.

We strongly condemn all instances of hate speech. Any students and/or student organizations found to have engaged in this behavior should be held accountable per the University Code of Student Conduct, specifically Section V. Prohibited Conduct, subsections D., E. and H.

Our fraternal organizations were founded in response to sectarian, exclusionary practices that limited Jewish students. Today, our responsibility to call attention to hate speech and prejudice remains clear. Students — our members and who are your institution's students — feel unwelcome and scared.

It is unacceptable to allow those who support terrorism to threaten Jewish students on campus and we call for your administration to increase the security presence surrounding Jewish organizations and students. These actions cannot be ignored and must be condemned at all levels of the university community. We ask that you take swift action to create a safe, stable environment for all students, including Jewish and pro-Israel voices.

Sincerely,

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