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Re: Anti-Semitism on Campus

Dear Chancellor Drake:

I am writing to you again this year to express my continued concern with the University of California at Irvine's ("UCI") Muslim Student Union's (MSU) campus events. As you are aware, the MSU is holding an event entitled "Israel: The Politics of Genocide" on your campus from May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>. As I observed with last year's event, this event again appears intended to encourage violence against the State of Israel and propagate the spread of anti-Semitism.

I would like to express my extreme disappointment that you have not yet spoken out against some of the statements made at last year's MSU event. As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Nonproliferation, Terrorism, and Trade, I am quite concerned with the statements made by some of the guests invited by the MSU to speak on your campus. As is observable on YouTube, one of the lecturers, Amir Abdel Malik Ali, stated in a speech at UCI in May 2006, "The truth of the matter is: [Israel's] days are numbered. *We will fight you until we are either martyred or until we are victorious.*" It should be of paramount concern that a speech given at UCI calls for "martyrdom" – the euphemism for suicide bombing. The fact that the above-quoted words were uttered in a public forum at UCI is a stain on the fabric of a great university, which can be cleaned only by the personal and public denunciation of its Chancellor.

Having myself grown up near UCI and even taken a course there, I recognize that it is an excellent educational institution with a history of intelligent, vigorous debate. While I strongly support the First Amendment rights of individuals to speak freely and without impediment at your campus, I hope that you share my belief that we all have a moral responsibility to denounce speech that is clearly and unambiguously hateful and

threatening. As an American, you have a right to speak out. As Chancellor, it is your duty to condemn violence, hate, and anti-Semitism, especially when it occurs at the UCI campus. If you share that belief, **I would ask that you personally publicly denounce the hate speech discussed above.**

Sincerely,



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