

September 11, 2025

The Honorable Bernie Moreno United States Senate SR-284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Moreno,

Thank you for your September 9 letter regarding Shawnee State University's plans to combat antisemitism. This university shares your commitment to protect students' religious freedom and safety while on campus and has the following measures in place to address antisemitism and protect students' safety while on campus:

A range of non-discrimination policies, procedures, and regulations are in effect at Shawnee State that provide for an educational and working environment for students and employees that is without unlawful or prohibited discrimination and harassment, including policies that specifically prohibit harassment stemming from religious identity or belief and that extend accommodations for student religious beliefs in certain cases.

I recently appointed a University Task Force on Religious Discrimination represented by faculty, staff, students, senior administrators, and the Department of Public Safety, charged with combating antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Christian discrimination, and hatred, harassment, bullying, or violence toward others based on actual religious identity or what is assumed to be religious identity.

A new complaint procedure was recently developed to process reports of antisemitism with prompt investigative procedures, and our Department of Public Safety cooperates closely with federal, state, county, and city law enforcement agencies to monitor and swiftly respond to any incidents of antisemitism and/or other religiously motivated crimes.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Best regards,

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