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The Honorable Bernie Moreno
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Moreno,

Thank you for your letter regarding the critical issue of antisemitism on college campuses and your concern for the safety and well-being of Jewish students at Youngstown State University. We share your commitment to fostering an inclusive, safe learning environment for all students, regardless of their religious background or identity.

Youngstown State University has already updated our university policy on discrimination / harassment (policy 3356-2-03) to include the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism, citing Governor DeWine's Executive Order 2022-06D.

In response to your questions regarding measures to address antisemitism and protect students' safety, in addition to the above, Youngstown State University has recently implemented several measures:

- Ensuring the religious accommodations of students by adopting university policy 3356-8-09, in compliance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code 3345.024 (2023 "Testing Your Faith Act");
- Providing harassment response training for faculty and staff and mandatory campus climate of respect programming for new students, as well as establishing procedures for our campus community members to anonymously file related complaints, in compliance with Ohio Senate Bill 94 (2024 "Campus Act");
- Maintaining 24/7 campus police presence with officers trained in hate crime identification and response, in partnership with local law enforcement to ensure swift investigation of hate crimes, in compliance with Ohio Senate Bill 94 (2024 "Campus Act").

Thank you again for bringing this important matter to our attention and for your continued advocacy for the safety and well-being of all students in Ohio's higher education institutions.

Sincerely,

Bill Johnson