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The Honorable Kamala Harris
Vice President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Madam Vice President:

We write today regarding recent comments you made while speaking at George Mason University. During the question and answer period, you were asked by a college student about Iron Dome funding for Israel and protests against the Jewish state. The student specifically stated, "I see that over the summer there have been, like, protests and demonstrations in astronomical numbers standing with Palestine, but then just a few days ago there were funds allocated to continue backing Israel, which hurts my heart because it's ethnic genocide and displacement of people, the same that happened in America, and I'm sure you're aware of this." In response to the student, you stated, "Your voice, your perspective, your experience, your truth cannot be suppressed, and it must be heard."

As you no doubt know, the funding the student was referring to was for Israel's defensive Iron Dome system. House Progressives demanded that this funding be removed from the continuing resolution to fund the government. This anti-Semitic action prompted the U.S. House of Representatives to overwhelmingly pass H.R. 5323, which allocated \$1 billion to replenish the Iron Dome's missile supply. This funding is critical to reducing conflict within the region and protecting the innocent lives of Israeli citizens. Without this funding, Israel would be forced to respond in kind to the aggressive terrorist attacks of Hamas and others in the region.

Furthermore, your affirmation of her remarks are not only based on an anti-Semitic worldview, they are a lie. Truth is not subjective but based on facts. Israel is not in any way, shape, or form committing ethnic genocide. Israel has an absolute right to defend itself. While Israel uses its rockets to protect itself, others in the region use their rockets strictly for war. The United States would never accept rockets falling on any of our cities, and neither should Israel.

Encouraging a false narrative not only promotes a disingenuous worldview but is also anti-Semitic. In the face of rising anti-Semitism across the globe, in the Democratic party, and in our nation's universities, we cannot turn a blind eye to your statements. In 2020, despite the stay-at-home orders, anti-Semitism remained at near historically high levels in the United States. Even on college campuses, we are seeing spikes of anti-Semitic activity. Anti-Semitic activity is fueled when the Vice President of the United States not only allows but agrees with libel on one of our longest allies.

Madam Vice President, we are very disappointed in your comments. Moving forwards, we hope you will apologize, pledge to fight anti-Semitism, and work strongly to support Israel.

Sincerely,



Doug Lamborn
Member of Congress



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