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Dear Ms. Coleman:

I am writing on behalf of the more than half-a-million members of Concerned Women for America (CWA) to express our concerns with the recent events at your prestigious institution, where some Jewish students were targeted because of their ethnicity.

According to news reports, at least one student who supported Israel received death threats, and several others were allegedly called “kikes” and “dirty Jews.” A quick look at the #UMDivest hashtag on Twitter revealed several troubling slurs against Israel and Jews. Whatever the nature of the resolution being considered by the Central Student Government, I think you would agree that the University of Michigan cannot offer safe harbor to any type of ethnic discrimination or hatred against any group.

Also, no student should ever feel threatened for voting his conscience on student government matters. Unfortunately, that is exactly what happened on the recent vote. Molly Rosen, a senior, said that some students “definitely were feeling intimidated because of how they voted on the issue.” This simply should not be at an institution like the University of Michigan.

As you know, measures like the one debated last week will continue to surface on your campus every year, and we urge you to take affirmative steps to make sure these incidents of intimidation and bigotry are never repeated again. Such civil rights violations are against everything for which the University of Michigan and our country stand.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Penny Nance
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