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Chairman Tim Walberg  
Ranking Member Robert Scott  
United States House of Representatives  
Education and Workforce Committee  
Washington, DC  
by electronic mail

Dear Chairman Walberg and Ranking Member Scott,

We write on behalf of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the nation's largest Orthodox Jewish umbrella organization, to express our support for the "No Antisemitism in Education Act of 2026" (H.R. 8476). We also express our thanks to Representative Fine for being the lead sponsor of this bill.

As we have seen since October 7, 2023, antisemitism in the United States is alive and well, and in fact it is thriving and spreading on our university campuses. The Committee on Education and the Workforce has held multiple hearings since that fateful day which have demonstrated to the American People the shocking and increasing rate of antisemitism at our institutions of higher learning. These investigations have also clearly demonstrated the appalling indifference of too many university administrators to these antisemitic acts as they fail to take any action to protect their Jewish students.

H.R. 8476 is a meaningful response to the crisis, requiring institutions of higher learning and local educational agencies to treat antisemitic incidents as seriously as any other title VI violations as a condition of their receiving federal financial aid. Providing such clarity around the expectation that antisemitism must be treated with as much seriousness as any and all other forms of discrimination and is a critical and necessary step for protecting our Jewish students and educators. Critically, this bill also provides for a single unambiguous definition of antisemitism, codifying the definition which has been used through Executive Order under both the Trump and Biden administrations. A clear and consistent definition of antisemitism will ensure that administrators have the information they need to determine when antisemitism is being perpetrated in their schools.

We urge the Committee to approve H.R. 8476.

Sincerely,  
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