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Dear President Guskiewicz,

On behalf of ADL (Anti-Defamation League), I am writing to commend Michigan State University for your recent efforts and policies to address campus antisemitism. Having reviewed the updates you shared in September, we commend you for the proactive steps your institution has taken to foster a safer and more inclusive environment for Jewish students and all students, particularly in light of the antisemitism crisis faced by campuses nationwide.

We welcome the launch of your DEI Foundations learning module and the inclusion of discussions on antisemitism as part of the mandatory module. This approach is crucial in creating a more informed campus community, and aligns closely with ADL's recommendations for combating antisemitism on college campuses.

Furthermore, we are impressed by the initiative taken by your Office for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion in convening monthly gatherings to discuss issues of student safety and support and concerns of campus community members. This effort demonstrates a holistic and collaborative approach to addressing the current antisemitism crisis, and is particularly noteworthy as it shows a commitment to ongoing dialogue, diverse perspectives and proactive problem-solving, which are essential in creating a safe and inclusive environment for Jewish students and all students.

These initiatives align with ADL's recommendations for combating antisemitism on college campuses and we believe that such comprehensive approaches are crucial in fostering an environment where all students can thrive academically and personally.

To recognize these efforts, we have published a blog that outlines the new actions and policies, which is available to the public [here](#).

We also want to inform you that these positive changes will be factored into MSU's Campus Antisemitism Report Card re-assessment in Spring 2025, as will any other changes your administration might communicate to us prior to the re-assessment. Your current efforts reflect a commitment to improvement, which is encouraging and critical given the challenges faced last academic year.

ADL remains committed to working closely with universities to support the implementation of these efforts and create a safer, more inclusive environment for Jewish students and all campus community members. We would be pleased to collaborate further with MSU on additional initiatives or provide resources to strengthen your existing efforts.

We encourage you to continue to prioritize combating campus antisemitism. If there are any ways in which ADL can assist or provide further guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Shira Goodman, ADL's Campus Advocacy lead, at campus@adl.org.

Thank you for your recent efforts to create a campus environment that respects and protects all students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Greenblatt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Greenblatt".

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