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Dear President Ono,

On behalf of ADL (Anti-Defamation League), I am writing to commend the University of Michigan 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 appreciate the clarification by the Board of Regents that the University itself may now submit a complaint alleging policy violations, a significant step toward ensuring accountability. We also welcome the University's decision to appoint a Title VI coordinator and the recent announcement that the system for responding to discrimination- and harassment-related incidents on campus has been streamlined. Furthermore, we appreciate the University's swift and decisive condemnations of recent antisemitic incidents on campus.

We are also encouraged by the forthcoming development of a mandatory training program addressing discrimination and harassment based on race, color, shared ancestry, ethnicity and national origin.

We particularly welcome the University's swift responses to recent incidents of antisemitism on the campus, as well as the consistent support you and your administration have shown to the Jewish campus community this academic year. Your recent public condemnations of antisemitism send a clear message that such hatred will not be tolerated, setting an example for other institutions and reinforcing your commitment to improving the campus climate 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.

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 the University'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 the University of Michigan 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.

Best,

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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