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Dr. Gene Block
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Dear Chancellor Block,

Thank you again for testifying at the May 23 Committee on Education and the Workforce hearing titled "Calling for Accountability: Stopping Antisemitic College Chaos." Enclosed are additional questions submitted by Committee members following the hearing. Please provide a written response no later than July 24, 2024, for inclusion in the hearing record. Responses should be sent to Isaiah Knox (isaiah.knox@mail.house.gov) of the Committee staff; he can also be contacted at (202) 226-9425. We appreciate your contribution to the work of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Virginia Foxx".

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Representative Michelle Steel (R-CA)

1. There are reports that “ Hamas-leaning faculty members offered extra credit and better grades for those who took part in "chaos and disruption caused by the campus terrorists.” The UCLA Faculty Code of Conduct says that faculty should avoid any exploitation, harassment, or discriminatory treatment of students. Can you assure this committee that formal discipline will be taken against these faculty? Title VI of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964* prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin.
2. I watched a video of your campus where a person physically attacked a Jewish person with a taser on campus. According to UCLA policy, lethal weapons, less lethal weapons & stun guns are all prohibited on campus. The video clearly shows the person physically slap the Jewish student, remove the Jewish student’s head covering, and pull out a taser and follow him. Was this person barred from campus for breaking UCLA policy?
3. According to reports, students had to show ID and answer questions related to their religion (which is a violation of their civil rights) to gain entry in campus classrooms and library buildings. Do you agree this is against the students’ civil rights? Has discipline been taken against students who blocked access to these buildings based on religion? If those who were blocking the building were not students, have they been barred from campus?
4. Over the last two months, there have been many circumstances where students were kicked in the head, slapped, and otherwise assaulted because of their religion. One Jewish student was kicked in the face and taken to the hospital. Who is being held accountable and responsible for letting this happen? Does the buck stop at you Chancellor?
5. On March 27th, an activist gave a mandatory lecture to first-year UCLA medical students. It’s part of the mandatory Structural Racism and Health Equity class. During this lecture for medical students, the lecturer led the students in a ”free, free Palestine” chant. Why are medical students required to stand up and chant ”free, free Palestine” in a mandatory lecture? Some faculty have called for the course to be suspended and investigated. Have you opened an investigation or committed to an investigation today?
6. During the Structural Racism and Health Equity lecture, when one medical student refused to kneel on the floor and chant ”free, free Palestine”, a faculty member asked the student’s name. What do you think went through that student’s thoughts? Should medical students have to attend a lecture where they are required to chat “free, free Palestine?”

7. UCLA's Jewish Faculty Resilience Group called for the School of Medicine to be independently investigated over antisemitism. Have you stepped in and opened an independent investigation?
8. Chancellor, the UCLA's Jewish Faculty Resilience Group has raised some recent concerns. I hope you are taking their comments seriously. Have you stepped in and told the medical school to stop inviting speakers who require students to chant "free, free Palestine" and make students pray to "mama Earth?"
9. There are reports of a group meeting on your campus that may not be an official student organization but are still publicly meeting at UCLA. There are reports that they are called the "Vietnamese Student Union (VSU) at UCLA." The VSU at UCLA describes itself as "the voice of all Vietnamese Students at UCLA." They "condemn the atrocities and the genocide of Palestinians, funded by US and Western Imperialists." There have been reports that members of this group have called for and joined recent violent antisemitic protests against "Israel's genocide" at UCLA. In addition to advocating in favor of the violent encampments and using antisemitic language against Israel, VSUBruins - as they style themselves - have also shared graphics on their Instagram page connecting the violent North Vietnamese conquest of free Vietnam as a shared history of struggle to advertise a joint event with Students for Justice in Palestine. The graphic shows an armed Hamas fighter and an armed North Vietnamese Communist guerilla. The graphic credit is given to Cau Kieu Collective, a "leftist Vietnamese media collective" that promotes communist Vietnamese propaganda, refers to the fall of Saigon as the "liberation of South Vietnam," and is avidly anti-American. Are you aware of any organization or group that meets at your campus regularly and claims association with your university that promotes hate and falsehoods? How can you ensure the public that you will ensure these types of groups will not use UCLA to spread hate and propaganda that target Jewish students?

Representative Susan Wild (D-PA)

1. As we look to the summer, and preparation for the fall semester, the potential for similar challenges with respect to campus protests, encampments, and potential violence is a distinct possibility. What is your administration doing now or planning to do over the summer to prepare for the next school year?