

July 23, 2024

Chairwoman Virginia Foxx
Ranking Member Bobby Scott
US House Committee on Education and the Workforce
2176 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairwoman Foxx, Ranking Member Scott, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the questions for the record from the House Education and the Workforce Hearing entitled "Calling for Accountability: Stopping Antisemitic College Chaos" on May 23, 2024. Please see attached response of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey to the questions posed.

Sincerely,

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Representative Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)

1. *President Holloway, during our hearing I highlighted Birzeit University's troubling relationship with terrorism. Birzeit has buildings named after convicted terrorists, it has glorified terrorism in official social media posts, Hamas won a majority of the school's student government elections, eight of its students were arrested for planning terror attacks just weeks before October 7, and as of 2014, Birzeit had an official policy of barring Jews from its campus.*

In response, you claimed to be unfamiliar with these facts. After reviewing this information, will you commit to ending Rutgers University's relationship with Birzeit University?

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey does not maintain a formal university-level relationship with Birzeit University. In 2020, a small group of faculty received a State Department-sponsored grant through the Institute of International Education to offer training in small business development and urban entrepreneurship to several faculty members from Birzeit University. This training was offered in 2022, and since that training there has only been intermittent contact among the same group involved in entrepreneurship training aimed at helping overcome poverty in urban centers and in developing nations.

2. *President Holloway, you committed to providing a full, public accounting of antisemitic incidents on the campus of Rutgers University. Will you provide the Education and the Workforce Committee with a copy of this report?*

Yes. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is committed to transparent and public accounting of bias incidents. Our Offices of Student Affairs across the university are developing a process for the upcoming academic year to ensure that this information is available to the committee and to our broader community.

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?*

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is engaged in extensive planning for the fall semester in anticipation of continued political tensions. I recently reported to our Board of Governors on these efforts. My remarks can be found here:

<https://www.rutgers.edu/president/remarks-to-board-of-governors-regarding-summer-planning>