
Letter Condemning House Committee Rutgers Investigation

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Letter from Concerned U.S. Law Professors Re: House Committee Investigation

[**NOTE:** A version of this letter was delivered to the Committee on April 17, 2024. We continue to [invite signatures](#) from all U.S. law professors.]

Congresswoman Virginia Foxx
Chairwoman, Committee on Education & the Workforce
United States House of Representatives

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U.S. House of Representatives
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**Re: House Committee
“Investigation” Against
Rutgers-Newark’s
Center for Security,
Race and Rights &
Professor Sahar Aziz**

Dear Chairwoman Virginia Foxx and Members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce:

We, the undersigned, comprise a group of racially, religiously, and ideologically diverse law professors from across the United States. Notwithstanding our differences, **we are unified in condemning the House Committee on Education and the Workforce** (the “Committee”) March 27, 2024 letter announcing a congressional investigation targeting the Rutgers University Newark [Center for Security, Race, and Rights](#) (the “Center”) and Professor Sahar Aziz, the Center’s founder and executive director. [\[1\]](#) The Committee’s actions, which follow a similar February 6, 2024 letter from Senate Judiciary Committee Republicans,

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pledge fealty, obligates members of Congress and academic leaders at Rutgers University to safeguard the speech rights of all Rutgers' faculty and academic centers.^[4] The Supreme Court has affirmed this foundational constitutional principle: "The vigilant protection of constitutional freedoms is nowhere more vital than in the community of American schools."^[5]

Elected officials are free to denounce ideas with which they disagree. But they may not abuse their constitutional office to intimidate, harass, and silence legitimate discourse by academics or others they happen to dislike. In our view, the Committee's March 27, 2024 letter does just that: it is a politically motivated and viewpoint-based attack on the Center and a tenured university professor. Beyond threatening a bedrock constitutional value of American liberty, the Committee's conduct compromises a separate pillar of our democratic republic: academic freedom.

The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE)^[6] explains that "[e]ducators on college and university campuses must be free to speak their minds, ask tough questions, and facilitate learning without the threat of institutional censorship, coercion, or intimidation."^[7] This sentiment echoes foundational Supreme Court jurisprudence:

[O]ur nation is deeply committed to safeguarding academic freedom, which is of transcendent value to all of us and not merely to the teachers concerned. Academic freedom is therefore a special concern of the First Amendment. It does not tolerate laws that cast a

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our Jewish students, colleagues, friends, and families. We are committed, unequivocally, to combating antisemitism and all other forms of structural and ideological bigotry and subordination. But the Committee's attacks against the Center and Professor Aziz do not represent an earnest effort to reckon with antisemitism at Rutgers, or elsewhere: they are part of a cynical campaign to censor dissenting speech and delegitimize open and inclusive academic inquiry and engagement.

Founded in 2018, the Center remains the only academic center at a U.S. law school with the specific mission to research, educate, and advocate for the civil and human rights of South Asians, Muslims, and Arabs. As noted on its website and reflected in its programming, the Center "supports pluralism, religious freedom, and racial equality."^[10] Like the other thirteen academic centers at Rutgers Law School, the Center is a site of robust intellectual life that regularly invites a diverse range of scholars to address matters of public concern in the United States and abroad.^[11] The Rutgers' AAUP-AFT faculty union recently lauded the Center for furthering the university's mission to be "a national leader in 21st-century higher education through a commitment to the values of educating a diverse citizenry, producing high impact scholarship, engaging in our community as an anchor institution, and drawing the connection between local and global, for the improvement of the economic and social well-being of society as a whole."^[12]

The Center's first lecture this academic year "addressed how international law developed to prosecute Nazis after the Holocaust set the foundation for subsequent prosecutions of state officials for war crimes and violations of human rights."^[13] We find it notable—and telling—that of the nearly 90 lectures the Center has hosted since its founding, the Committee identifies as "antisemitic" only

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victims of antisemitism.”^[15] That report, co-authored with a Jewish American expert on Israel-Palestine, documents the precise conduct in which the Committee is now engaging: mobilization of Islamophobic tropes to “fuel and sustain spurious allegations of antisemitism” to discredit and delegitimize critics of Israeli policy and military action.^[16]

The fact that the Committee is targeting the only Muslim Arab woman on the Rutgers Law Faculty (comprised of 130 professors) further evidences the improper motivations underlying the Committee’s actions. A “Distinguished Professor of Law and Chancellor’s Social Justice Scholar,” Professor Aziz is a renowned expert on the “intersection of national security, race, religion and civil rights with a focus on the adverse impact of national security laws and policies on racial, religious, and ethnic minorities.”^[17] Professor Aziz has won multiple prestigious awards, authored the groundbreaking book *The Racial Muslim: When Racism Quashes Religious Freedom*, and recently served as the William & Patricia Kleh Visiting Professor in International Law at Boston University School of Law.^[18]

We may disagree with certain of the views which have been expressed at Center-sponsored events or publications. However, we recognize that disagreement is an inevitable—and, yes, *critically important*—component of robust academic discourse. It is deeply disturbing to witness a Congressional committee attempt to “cancel” a tenured professor because they dislike the views expressed in her scholarship and academic programming on controversial matters of pressing public concern.-

We close with the words of the distinguished Johns Hopkins University President Ronald J. Daniels, who wrote an insightful 2021 *Washington Post* op-ed titled “Why authoritarian regimes attack universities.”^[19] Citing global examples

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accumulation and arbitrary exercise of coercive public power.”^[20] President Daniels presciently cautioned that “no democracy can prosper without independent universities to forge a bedrock of objective fact, to preserve and interrogate the nation’s collective past, to cultivate diverse and pluralistic communities, and to educate students in the skills necessary for active and engaged citizenship.”^[21]

In wielding federal power and authority to silence the Center and Professor Aziz, the Committee’s efforts share alarming parallels with tactics employed by the foreign authoritarians Daniels identifies. The Committee’s conduct constitutes a naked assault on the academic right of every college and university professor to engage in teaching, research and scholarship free from political interference and intimidation. Our present concern, accordingly, extends beyond Professor Aziz and the Center for Security, Race and Rights. The Committee’s attack on education and the freedom to learn threatens American freedom and our constitutional democracy itself.

To this end, we call on Chairwoman Foxx to practice what she preaches. We agree with her statement that “[w]ielding government power as a cudgel against political or cultural adversaries is one of the most ancient forms of bullying.”^[22] We also share Chairwoman Foxx’s concern that, in situations like this, “[t]he simple truth is that when the federal government controls education, it controls society itself.”^[23]

Thus, we respectfully petition the Committee to cease its unfounded and unconstitutional investigation against Rutgers University, the Center, and Professor Sahar Aziz.

Further, we urge all members of Congress—particularly New Jersey’s delegation—to denounce the Committee’s abuse of power.



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the leaders of Rutgers University of their obligation to defend all of their academic centers and faculty members from political interference and threats.

Very truly yours,

To sign this statement, complete [this Google Form](#). Signatures will be added regularly. Thank you for adding your voice to this pressing matter.

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