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Dr. Robert Groves
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Dear Dr. Groves,

Thank you again for testifying at the July 15, 2025, Committee on Education and Workforce hearing titled "Antisemitism in Higher Education: Examining the Role of Faculty, Funding, and Ideology." Enclosed are additional questions submitted by Committee members following the hearing. Please provide a written response no later than August 20, 2025, for inclusion in the hearing record. Responses should be sent to Anders Vendt (anders.vendt@mail.house.gov) of the Committee staff; he can also be contacted at (202) 860-4040.

We appreciate your contribution to the work of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tim Walberg".

Tim Walberg
Chairman

Representative Elise Stefanik (R-NY)

1. Dr. Groves, at Georgetown we are hearing there are concerns that Jewish services are not supported and fundraising and organizational efforts to facilitate services for Jewish students are often stymied, disrupted and cancelled.
 - a. There has even been an instance of one organization having its official students club status revoked immediately after being granted, with no reason given, and important programs like its High Holiday Services and supervised Kosher for Passover food services abruptly cancelled.
 - b. While the University has seemingly limitless ongoing "conversations" and "discussions" about more Jewish affiliated services, it significantly hampers the operational and financial abilities of these services other than the "ministry" ones, which creates difficulty and insufficient religious life identity opportunities for hundreds of Jewish students there. Please provide an update on the progress being made to remedy these issues.
2. Dr. Groves, I'm sure you remember Georgetown faculty member [Dr. Jonathan Brown, who holds a Chaired Professorship within the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies.](#) I'm sure you remember his social media post after the U.S. conducted strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, stating "I hope Iran does some symbolic strike on a [U.S. military] base." Why is a professor who publicly hoped for an Iranian strike on a U.S. military base still holding a chaired professorship within a Georgetown academic department?
3. You said your administration is appalled by his post. What specific disciplinary action have you taken against Dr. Brown?
4. I'm sure you also know Dr. Brown is married to the daughter of convicted terror financier Sami Al Arian [Ari-an]. Does keeping someone like Dr. Brown in a position of power send a message to Jewish students that your university takes their safety or concerns seriously?
5. You allow faculty members to use "academic freedom" to endorse violence and glorify terrorism. At what point does that cross into institutional complicity in inciting hatred and antisemitism?
6. Dr. Groves, I'm sure you are familiar with Georgetown postdoctoral researcher Badar Khan Suri. Are you aware that Suri is married to Georgetown graduate student Mapheze Saleh, the daughter of Ahmed Yousef, who [reportedly](#) served as a senior adviser to the Hamas Foreign Ministry and Ismail Haniyeh in 2008 and the Foreign Ministry Director-General of Hamas in 2010?

7. Did you know that as of March 2025, Saleh's Georgetown biography stated that she worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Gaza, which is effectively controlled by Hamas?
8. I'm sure you know that her husband Khan Suri was detained by ICE leading to 150 Georgetown students, faculty, and community members staging a walkout in his honor. In fact, Georgetown administrators and faculty have written public letters of support for Khan Suri, including Joel Hellman the Dean of the Foreign Service School. Dr. Groves, you called Khan Suri's detention "troubling" and "asserted a commitment to free speech grounded in Georgetown's Jesuit values." Can you explain why the detention of a Georgetown faculty member who blatantly supports a terrorist organization, is married to a Hamas member, and is pictured with Former Hamas Political Leader Ismail Haniyeh one of the masterminds of the horrific October 7th massacre is "troubling"?
9. Dr. Groves, Georgetown University operates a major satellite campus in Qatar, a country whose national education curriculum has been explicitly condemned by the U.S. State Department for teaching antisemitism, extremist religious intolerance, and glorification of violent jihad. Georgetown has accepted over \$1 billion from Qatar, a country which explicitly denies Israel's right to exist and labels all Israeli territory as "Occupied Palestine." Does Georgetown's financial relationship with Qatar influence your university's approach or policies on issues related to Israel, antisemitism, or Middle East education?
10. What specific measures does Georgetown University have in place at your Qatar campus to ensure that Georgetown students and faculty are not exposed to or influenced by Qatar's well documented antisemitic, extremist, and jihad-glorifying educational content?
11. Can you identify any courses or programs at Georgetown's Qatar campus explicitly designed to counter antisemitism, extremism, and the glorification of violence that Qatar promotes in its public education?
12. Does the Qatari Government have influence over faculty hiring, curriculum, speakers, or campus centers at Georgetown? The former president of Northwestern publicly admitted his faculty have "limited academic freedom" on their Qatar campus. So how is it possible for Georgetown-Q to have full autonomy when Qatari law criminalizes criticism of the Emir, restricts discussion of certain religious and cultural topics, and censors materials deemed offensive to local moral and political standards?
13. If Georgetown has full academic and operational freedom in Qatar then do you agree that your leadership has approved the following Georgetown-Q events, curriculum, and speakers: mandatory coursework in the international politics department framing the U.S. role in the Middle East as a "neo-colonial occupation," with required readings by authors who openly call for the dismantling of the state of Israel, inviting a speaker this year who

publicly supported the Qatari state's alignment with terrorist organizations Hamas and Hezbollah, claiming "armed resistance is the only path forward," while Georgetown-Qatar's official social media platforms promoted the event, and a university sponsored exhibit last year that glorified "martyrs of the Palestinian struggle," with no contextual mention of October 7th just to name a few?