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Dr. Rich Lyons
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Dear Dr. Lyons,

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 that reads "Tim Walberg".

Tim Walberg
Chairman

Representative Elise Stefanik (R-NY)

1. Chancellor Lyons, on February 26, 2024, multiple Jewish students were attacked while attending an event at Zellerbach Playhouse. Charges included assault, battery, civil rights violations, and even riot-related offenses. Why were none of these incidents classified, or even logged, as Clery-reportable hate crimes in your Clery Daily Crime Logs?
2. California Penal Code 422.6 specifically addresses civil rights violations based on protected characteristics. Several incidents occurring on 2/26/2024 are logged under that statute. How can your university report zero hate crimes on a day when students were physically assaulted *because they were Jewish*?
3. How do you justify allowing violent, targeted antisemitic attacks to be buried under generic terms like ‘battery’ or ‘injury/illness’ in your federally mandated Clery daily crime logs, especially when those incidents involved chants of ‘Intifada’ and targeted assaults during a Jewish event?
4. To an outside observer, this looks like systematic underreporting of hate crimes in violation of federal law. Given these facts, how confident are you that your institution is in full compliance with all regulations under the Clery Act, including 34 CFR §668.46(c) and (f)?
5. If Jewish students, attending a Jewish event, are assaulted during a violent protest with antisemitic chants and that still doesn’t get flagged as a hate crime then what exactly would?
6. Please explain the criteria by which your institution decides when a hate-motivated offense appears as a hate crime in the Daily Crime Log and why that standard appears to shift depending on the victim’s identity.