



The Honorable Tim Walberg  
Chairman  
Committee on Education and Workforce  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bobby Scott  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Education and Workforce  
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July 10, 2026

Dear Chairman Walberg and Ranking Member Scott,

I am the Executive Director of San Francisco Hillel, an organization that partners with colleges and universities throughout the Bay Area, including the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Our mission is to support Jewish students, strengthen Jewish life on campus, and develop them into our future Jewish leaders. We have maintained an ongoing dialogue with UCSF leadership for several years about the challenges facing Jewish students, faculty, staff, and patients following the October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks.

I understand the Committee has inquired about antisemitism at various university campuses, including UCSF, and that Chancellor Hawgood will appear at a hearing before the Committee on July 14. I write to share my perspective, on behalf of SF Hillel, about UCSF's work to combat antisemitism.

Based on our experience, UCSF has remained engaged with the Jewish community, responded thoughtfully to concerns, and followed through with meaningful action. Combating antisemitism requires sustained attention, and no institution has solved this challenge completely. It is not their job to make antisemitism go away, that's an unreasonable expectation, but rather it's to ensure swift and strong response when it occurs. We are encouraged that the university has been responsive when we have raised concerns and demonstrated a willingness to strengthen its efforts.

By way of example, after the SF Hillel building was the victim of vandalism in December 2024, Chancellor Hawgood added his name alongside other University presidents in the city to a public letter condemning the act. He also cleared his calendar when there was a last-minute visit from Hillel International's Campus Climate Initiative team to discuss progress at the University, as UCSF is an active participant in this key initiative that has had significant impact on helping Universities prepare and respond to antisemitism.

UCSF has earnestly made an effort, as noted above, to support the Jewish community. Among other actions we have observed:

- Investing in Jewish campus life, including creating an Assistant Director of Jewish Life position and strengthening partnerships with Jewish organizations.
- Expanding education about antisemitism through training for leaders, faculty, staff, and students.
- Enforcing university policies when violations occur to protect Jewish and Israeli students, faculty, staff, and patients, and reinforce a safe and respectful campus environment.
- Publicly condemning antisemitism and reaffirming that it has no place on its campus.
- Bringing the campus protest encampment to a permanent end within five days of its establishment.

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Just as important has been the university's continued engagement with the Jewish community. UCSF leadership has sought candid feedback from Jewish partners and demonstrated a willingness to strengthen policies and practices as circumstances have evolved. We continue to remind university leadership that addressing antisemitism must be an ongoing priority, and we have consistently found them willing to listen and engage.

There is more work ahead, and we will continue partnering with UCSF to ensure that all members of the Jewish community feel welcome, respected, and safe. In our judgment, it would not be accurate to suggest that UCSF has failed to respond to concerns about antisemitism. The record we have observed reflects continued engagement, concrete action, and an ongoing commitment to improvement.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Feigelson", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Roger Feigelson  
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