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Dear Dr. Rothschild:

Thank you again for testifying at the February 10, 2026, House Committee on Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education hearing titled "Defending Faith and Families Against Government Overreach: Mahmoud v. Taylor." Enclosed is an additional question submitted by a Subcommittee Member following the hearing. Please provide a written response no later than March 18, 2026, for inclusion in the hearing record. Your response should be sent to Charlie Hatcher ([charlie.hatcher@mail.house.gov](mailto:charlie.hatcher@mail.house.gov)) of the Committee staff; he can also be contacted at (202) 360-2765.

We appreciate your contribution to the work of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Kiley".

Kevin Kiley  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education

**Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)**

1. In a question posed to you about what recourse the parents in the Mahmoud case had following the school board decision to not allow opt-outs to curricular materials to which the parents had a religious objection, you stated, “they may not have had recourse; democracy would be their recourse.” Please clarify what you meant by that.