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Distinguished members:

American universities have become dangerous places for Jewish students. What is taking place on US campuses is not legitimate pro-Palestinian activity but an aggressive assault on Jewish students, American values and the future of American society.

Jewish students are being harassed, threatened, and attacked with violent rage. But we have exposed that this violence did not happen overnight nor is it an accident. It has been planned, engineered and incubated for decades by heavily funded, professionally orchestrated groups with close connections to terrorist organizations, like Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the PFLP.

One of the main perpetrators of campus Jew-hate is Students for Justice in Palestine or SJP. SJP was set up and is supported by groups and individuals with well documented records of support and fundraising for terrorist organizations. Individuals like Hatem Bazien, who founded SJP and is also the founder of American Muslims for Palestine – or AMP.

Terrorist sympathizers figured out decades ago that instead of sending money to jihadist organizations, they will target the hearts and minds of young and naïve, sometimes well-meaning American students.

They use progressive buzz words like “justice” and “freedom”, but their true intent - is destroying the world's only Jewish state by all means necessary. And after October 7, we have seen that anything goes: Beheading babies and raping women is just fine. If it's done to the Jews, they call it resistance.

For decades, these groups have lied to young Americans and convinced them that Israel is the ultimate evil, so that when Hamas terrorists carried out these barbaric attacks, young, educated Americans would minimize, justify and even celebrate them.

Ladies and gentlemen, SJP is a hate group. It is grooming American college students – grooming your children – to hate Israel, hate Jews and hate America. And for years, universities stood by, watched this brainwashing take place and did nothing.

SJP hijacks any campus where it operates and I use that word deliberately. After all this is an organization that puts the Palestinian plane hijacker, Leila Khaled, on its t-shirts.

These groups are not interested in peace. Listen to what they chant: “there is only one solution; intifada, revolution.”

On our college campuses, those with bad intent prey on those with bad knowledge. Because we know what intifada means: it means blowing up Jews on buses, or stabbing us, shooting us, running us down. Or slaughtering us like on October 7th.

And so today, Jewish students are barricading themselves in libraries, hiding from an angry, brainwashed mob.

Universities have let their Jewish students down. And they are letting America down.

So this is what we need to do about it:

First: we need to kick these hate groups off campus. How can it be that college fees and taxpayers’ dollars are funding hate groups that cheer on the burning alive of Jewish families? Every college in this country should ban SJP, and never let them back. We wouldn’t fund KKK chapters in our colleges. We shouldn’t fund SJP chapters in our colleges either.

And if universities fail to remove SJP off campus; if they continue to protect and fund the ringleaders of an antisemitic mob, then this Committee should withdraw funding for them.

We would not allow the mafia to teach business on campus. We should not allow terrorist supporters to teach political activism to our kids.

Second: With the amount of evidence linking SJP and AMP members with support and financing of terrorist groups including Hamas, these

organizations and networks should be investigated by state police and the FBI.

The terrorists they support, who are committed to worldwide Jihad, currently hold over 200 Israeli, American and other countries' citizens hostage. The time for criminal investigations is now.

Which brings me to my third and final point. How can groups that spread this ideology on campus, that should be under FBI investigation, enjoy a warm welcome in Congress?

Last month, not even three weeks after Hamas were decapitating Jewish babies and raping young Jewish women and girls, AMP were on this Hill, lobbying Congress with their annual Palestine Advocacy Day.

How can congressmen and women take donations from such a group? Members of this house should never be funded from the same pot as murderous terrorists.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is not just a Jewish issue; it's an American one. There is a direct line between brainwashed extremists who rip down posters of kidnapped Jewish children, and those who rip down the American flag ahead of Veterans Day.

I urge this committee to act now, and stop this coordinated assault on Jewish students, on American values and on the future of the American dream.

Thank you
