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Linda Katehi, Chancellor
University of California, Davis
Davis, CA 95616

Dear Chancellor Katehi,

Last week, as we commemorated on the floor of the Senate the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, we were saddened to learn of disturbing incidents at the University of California Davis campus.

The California Legislative Jewish Caucus appreciates your quick condemnation of the incident in which two swastikas were spray painted on the Alpha Epsilon Pi house early Saturday morning. We also commend the UC Davis Police Department's swift response to the anti-Semitic incident. Thank you, too for asking the Davis Police Department to investigate this act of vandalism as a hate crime.

We also thank you for your rapid response and rejection of the BDS resolution by the Associated Students of University of California Davis (ASUCD).

We remain concerned that the environment created by BDS proponents at University California Davis encourages acts of hate. History teaches us that quasi-governmental actions targeting Jews, such as SR #9, create an environment that leads directly to hateful, anti-Semitic vandalism and violence. This was the case at UC Davis. This is nothing new.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marty Block'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Marty Block
Senator, District 39
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