

April 19, 2022

Dear Dean Morrison and NYU Law Administration,

As Jewish students at NYU Law, and as anti-Zionists committed to dismantling oppression in all forms, we write to express our strong disagreement with the Jewish Law Student Association's (JLSA) suggestion that all Jews feel unsafe on NYU Law's campus as a result of political speech by other students. We are deeply troubled that JLSA and others have condoned the targeting of anti-Zionist students and the calls for academic sanctions against them. As we reflect on collective liberation and freedom from oppression during this Passover chag, we want to be clear that criticism of the state of Israel is not anti-semitic, but rather, is a Jewish mandate.

We reject the conflation of anti-Zionism with anti-semitism, and we condemn the weaponization of anti-semitism to silence criticism of Israel. Anti-semitism is a dangerous and pervasive social force, and should be taken seriously. However, support for an anti-imperial analysis that centers the Palestinian people in their struggle for agency, political autonomy, and human dignity is not, and cannot be, evidence of discrimination against Jewish people.

Safety on campus is imperiled not by anti-Zionist political speech, but rather by the behavior we have seen in recent days: the violent media doxxing of Muslim/MELSA and anti-Zionist students; coercive pressures for academic sanctions clothed as bad-faith claims of harrassment; the explicit and harmful threats made towards targeted students' scholarships—which have ruinous financial implications for members of our student community. We urge the administration to confirm that threats of material harm will not be tolerated against students who engage in political speech on NYU's campus.

The Jewish community at NYU Law is large and diverse; we come from many walks of life, different backgrounds, and various political orientations. JLSA does not represent us all, and after last week's JLSA forum with Dean Morrison from which many anti-Zionist Jewish students were explicitly excluded—and during which one was blatantly hushed when attempting to voice her beliefs—it feels more important than ever to raise our voices in protest. We strongly support those students currently under attack for their political speech; they are our friends, our peers, and they contribute to a valuable dialogue on this campus. Attempts to silence, sanction, and retaliate against them will not be done in our name.

We invite all student groups and individuals who wish to sign on in solidarity to do so through [this form](#).

Sincerely,

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