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Mr. William Creeley
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601 Walnut Street, Suite 510
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Dear Mr. Creeley:

I write in response to your letter of August 8 regarding FIRE's concerns about the Jewish student campus climate report recently submitted to the President's Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion.

The numerous recommendations in this report and in a report submitted on Muslim and Arab student campus climate are being reviewed to determine what, if any, action is warranted. Please be assured that the University is well aware of the First Amendment principles FIRE has raised relating to the regulation of "hate speech." I have been and will continue to be the first to defend our students' and faculty's right to freedom of speech, and I assure you that these principles will be fully considered in our review of the reports.

Thank you for your interest in the report and the University.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark G. Yudof".

Mark G. Yudof
President

cc: Members, President's Advisory Council
Chancellors