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Congressional hearings since October 7th featured shocking testimony revealing the horrific first-hand experiences of Jewish students simply trying to receive an education on campus. Since then, however, the University has had the entire summer to plan for the upcoming school year. As such, we expect that your institution will be ready, willing, and able to prevent such antisemitic conduct and disruptions that violate campus policies and the law and, when such conduct cannot be prevented, hold those responsible for such conduct accountable with real consequences.

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Ms. Amy L. Towers Chair of the Board of Governors Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey 7 College Avenue New Brunswick, New Jersey Dr. Antonio D. Tillis Chancellor, Rutgers University—Camden Office of the Chancellor, Rutgers University—Camden 303 Cooper Street Camden, NJ 08102

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Congressional hearings since October 7th featured shocking testimony revealing the horrific first-hand experiences of Jewish students simply trying to receive an education on campus. Since then, however, the University has had the entire summer to plan for the upcoming school year. As such, we expect that your institution will be ready, willing, and able to prevent such antisemitic conduct and disruptions that violate campus policies and the law and, when such conduct cannot be prevented, hold those responsible for such conduct accountable with real consequences.

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