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Dear President Kotlikoff,

Thanks for meeting last week. I was pleased to learn of the new initiatives Cornell is undertaking to counter antisemitism as well as the results of your most recent survey of students. As we discussed, conducting regular campus climate surveys that inquire into the experiences of Jewish students and whether and how they experience antisemitism is critical.

I have now reviewed and want to commend you on your recent inclusion of a section on Fighting Antisemitism and Protecting Civil Rights on the President's Initiatives page of the Cornell website. The steps outlined represent important progress in Cornell's work to commit to no tolerance for antisemitism, and we were pleased to see it featured prominently.

We have recommended that universities share such updates with the university community to mark progress and highlight the ongoing work. You have thoughtfully laid out a comprehensive approach to countering antisemitism, including identifying where policies have been strengthened and where enforcement action, up to and including discipline, has occurred. Being transparent about disciplinary action reflects an important commitment to action.

We appreciate that you have recognized the importance of communicating university values and expectations to the university community, and we hope that you will continue to do so. Using this space to remind the community of those statements underscores that this is an ongoing effort that must engage the entire university community.

As you continue to implement recommendations from your taskforces on antisemitism and institutional voice, we hope you continue to use this new webpage to share those updates publicly. We similarly hope you will share the impact of your newly established Office of Civil Rights and the trainings being offered. As we discussed, our Regional team will share information about modules about antisemitism and how it manifests that could be included future trainings.

Thank you for your leadership and your willingness to publicly assess the progress to date and the work ahead.

ADL remains ready to assist and support you in this critical work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Greenblatt', written in a cursive style.

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