

*This draft resolution was circulated to the Harvard Graduate Student Union membership at 11:04 PM Friday night. It is currently scheduled to be debated at the Union's special general membership meeting on Monday at 6 PM.*

On October 7, thirty-four Harvard student groups signed onto a letter by the Harvard Palestine Solidarity Committee (PSC) holding "the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence" in Occupied Palestine. Undergraduate and graduate students affiliated with the student groups have since faced a vicious condemnation campaign, including statements and social media posts from Harvard faculty, alumni, donors, and University administration. This backlash has directly exposed students to ongoing harassment and doxxing attacks. **The Harvard Graduate Students' Union (HGSU) condemns the coordinated harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence directed against our students.**

Over the past six days, Harvard students have been relentlessly harassed online and on campus. This harassment often is explicitly racist and sexist and primarily targets Black, brown, Muslim, and international students. Since Saturday, multiple websites have posted students' personal information, including their full names, class years, past and current employment, social media profiles, photos, and hometowns. On Tuesday, Palestinian Harvard students were forced to postpone a campus vigil "due to credible safety concerns and threats against student security." On Wednesday and Thursday a billboard truck drove near campus displaying the names and faces of affiliated students. The organization behind the truck has vowed to continue harassing students. Harvard donors and alumni have threatened students' current and future employment. As of Thursday, over 200 Harvard faculty signed a letter mischaracterizing the students' statement as "nothing less than condoning the mass murder of civilians." Many of these faculty directly supervise members of our Union. It is not surprising that students are reporting serious concerns about retaliation as well as their physical and emotional well-being on campus.

The doxxing attacks are the "ugliest culmination of a campaign to silence pro-Palestinian activism that the PSC has experienced for years." This is also the worst concerted campaign to threaten the safety of our students that our Union has ever witnessed. As representatives of more than 5,000 graduate and undergraduate researchers and teaching staff, HGSU regularly advocates on behalf of students facing hostile campus work environments, racist and sexist harassment, retaliation, and unfair disciplinary action. We are horrified by the University's complicity in this harassment and its failure to intervene or provide adequate support to harmed students.

Starting immediately, HGSU will provide impacted students the following resources: access to the HGSU emergency fund for eligible student workers; Union representation for any student worker experiencing workplace discrimination or who is subjected to workplace disciplinary proceedings; and, support for students navigating university processes related to Harvard's non-discrimination and anti-bullying policies. If you are a student worker experiencing any workplace issues, please notify the Union using this form.

Harvard University is not just responsible for ensuring the safety of its students. As students attending one of the most influential academic institutions in the world, it is important that we continue to demand that the University end its complicity in Israeli apartheid policies and escalating violence against Palestinians trapped in Gaza. In 2021, with 93% approval, membership ratified HGSU's joining onto a *Statement by Palestine Student Groups at Harvard University on Violence Against Palestinians*. As that statement highlighted, of the 4% of Harvard's \$39.2 billion endowment that is publicly disclosed, the university maintains nearly \$200 million as of 2021 in public, direct and indirect investments in companies that are involved in the illegal Israeli settlement enterprise, including companies that provide surveillance, weapons, and bulldozers to demolish Palestinian homes. If the undisclosed 96% of the endowment corresponds to this pattern of investment, Harvard likely has billions invested in companies profiting off Israeli apartheid. Now more than ever, the University must **remove its investments** in companies that are involved in the illegal Israeli settlement enterprise until equal rights are guaranteed for all citizens in Israel and Palestine. In the words of the Jewish Voice for Peace: "This is a crisis. The Israeli government has declared a genocidal war on Palestinians in Gaza."

**Harvard University must take action.**