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The Honorable Antony Blinken Secretary of State The United States Department of State 2201 C Street NW Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken,

I am writing to request the U.S. Department of State turn over to Congress all records and correspondence it has had with radical pro-Hamas groups linked to the funding of the anti-semitic protests that have exploded across college campuses in recent months.

It is also important to know whether State Department officials met with representatives from these groups ahead of President Biden's decision to withhold precision weapons from being transferred to Israel. Congress must be made aware of the deliberations that took place regarding the president's decision. I ask that the State Departments produce the following information:

- 1. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from Students for Justice in Palestine (including any individual chapter thereof).
- 2. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from Jewish Voice for Peace (including any individual chapter thereof).
- 3. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from Within Our Lifetime.
- 4. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from American Muslims for Palestine.
- 5. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from IfNotNow.
- 6. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the Open Society Foundations.
- 7. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.
- 8. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the Tides Foundation.
- 9. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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- 10. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from Solidaire Action.
- 11. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the Libra Foundation.
- 12. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the Westchester Peace Action Committee Foundation.
- 13. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the Muslim Community Network.
- 14. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).
- 15. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the Center for Popular Democracy.
- 16. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from Peace Action New York State.
- 17. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the People's Forum.
- 18. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from Samidoun.
- 19. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from the Adalah Justice Project.
- 20. All documents and communications, received or sent, by State Department officials and representatives from Palestine Legal.

Each of these groups has been identified as either a supporter or a funder of the anti-semitic protest movement seen across college campuses nationwide. Given the anti-Israel stance increasingly being adopted by the Biden administration, Congress needs to know if State Department officials have been in contact with these organizations or their representatives.

Please respond by May 29, 2024.

Sincerely,

Brian Mast Member of Congress