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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pain and regret that I tender the resignation of the Coalition for Jewish Values (CJV) from the National Task Force to Combat Antisemitism (NTFCA). We cannot grant legitimacy to an effort to combat antisemitism operated by the Heritage Foundation while Heritage is validating antisemitism and giving it a platform.

Looking at antisemitism through a partisan lens crippled the Jewish left, which said almost nothing until indoctrinated supporters of anti-Jewish terror (including too many of their own) had permeated the Democratic party. Heritage, to the contrary, knew that it was attracting those who place values ahead of party affiliation.

We joined the NTFCA because we truly appreciate and value each of the many supportive leaders and allies comprised within it, and because it wisely focused upon the most potent narratives and mechanisms inciting hatred and violence against Jews today: support for Hamas and terrorism under the "Palestine" banner, which Project Esther called the Hamas Support Network. But although our target was and remains primarily a left-wing cause, "no enemies on the right" was always liable to be proven false.

When Carlson welcomes guests and reposts content calling Israel's effort to subdue Hamas and rescue hostages a "genocide," he makes himself an integral part of the Hamas Support Network that Project Esther aims to fight. So it is not that we are leaving the NTFCA as much as that Mr. Roberts has declared that Heritage itself threatens to scuttle the NTFCA's efforts.

To keep us within a coalition hosted by Heritage would have required a full-throated retraction and apology from Mr. Roberts. He would have needed to articulate that he (a) had not previously listened to critics of Carlson's antisemitism, (b) did not recognize how the lies spread by Carlson align with

Nazi and pre-Nazi Jew-hatred, (c) apologized to the Jewish and allied advocates whom he tarred with name-calling and straw man arguments, and (d) disavowed, personally and on behalf of Heritage, working with Carlson, Owens, and others of their ilk, recognizing the fundamental and obvious difference between permitting free speech and platforming hate.

Instead, we received an indirect apology "about how he has handled this issue," and a statement that he's "very open to our counsel," with "our" presumably meaning what the co-chairs deem appropriate to bring to his attention. He also spoke at Hillsdale College about the danger of antisemitism, and the young men and women in the conservative movement at risk of buying into false and antisemitic narratives.

Yet although he apologized for how he had expressed himself, he maintained his alarming backing of Tucker Carlson, who is doing his best to make antisemitism acceptable in the conservative movement—the very phenomenon Roberts himself decried. Sadly, in response to our requirement that Heritage disavow working with Carlson and other antisemites, Roberts said the opposite.

CJV cannot, in good conscience, remain affiliated with an institution that normalizes or excuses antisemitism under the guise of political commentary or free speech. The moral clarity required to fight Jew-hatred cannot coexist with public expressions of support for those who amplify it.

Until such time as there is a complete reversal of Mr. Roberts' position, or, alternatively, his resignation is accepted by the Heritage Board of Directors, CJV cannot be part of a program, event, or effort claiming to combat antisemitism in which the Heritage Foundation is a sponsoring partner.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yaakov Menken". The script is cursive and fluid.

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