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Ms. Nicole Neily
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Dear Ms. Neily:

Thank you again for testifying at the September 10, 2025, House Committee on Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education hearing titled "From Playground to Classroom: The Spread of Antisemitism in K-12 Schools." Enclosed are additional questions submitted by Subcommittee members following the hearing. Please provide a written response no later than October 22, 2025, for inclusion in the hearing record. Responses should be sent to Anders Vendt (anders.vendt@mail.house.gov) of the Committee staff; he can also be contacted at (202) 860-4040.

We appreciate your contribution to the work of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Kiley".

Kevin Kiley
Chairman
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Representative Tim Walberg (R-MI)

1. In Fairfax County, Virginia, classmates called a middle school Jewish student an “Israeli bomber” and yelled “Free Palestine” as she walked into the school cafeteria, simply because she was Jewish. The school refused to document the incident as antisemitism. Is it common for public schools to downplay and refuse to document instances of antisemitism and instead characterize them as simply “bullying?”
 - a. Do you believe school districts are selectively applying anti-bullying or DEI policies, shutting down some forms of discrimination but allowing antisemitism to thrive unchecked?