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The Honorable Tim Walberg  
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Dear Chairman Walberg:

Over the last two Congresses, our Committee has spent considerable time and effort focused on antisemitic activity in schools, on college campuses, and within professional associations and unions. I have consistently imparted to you and former Chairwoman Foxx my concern that the Committee is the wrong venue to address these issues, and that when students' rights are violated, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) should investigate and take action. However, Committee hearings and investigations continued. As such, I want to ensure you are aware that there have been recent reports of antisemitic activity in and around U.S. colleges and universities, and that the Committee has yet to hold a hearing on them. I write to determine if and when the Committee plans to take action related to them.

At the University of Florida, the school with the largest population of Jewish students in America according to Hillel International,<sup>1</sup> the College Republicans group was suspended after photos were leaked of members making a Nazi salute.<sup>2</sup> At Florida International University, the school with the 14<sup>th</sup> highest Jewish student population,<sup>3</sup> multiple students involved in Republican and conservative groups on campus participated in a group chat that frequently included slurs for African-Americans and Jews, and at one point was named in part for a "mythical white civilization promoted by the Nazi politician Heinrich Himmler."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hillel International, Top 60 Jewish Colleges by Population, (last accessed: Apr. 27, 2026) <https://www.hillel.org/top-60-jewish-colleges/>.

<sup>2</sup> Dana Goldstein, *Florida College Republican Group Penalized Over Antisemitism Accusations*, *N.Y. Times*, Mar. 16, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/03/16/us/politics/university-of-florida-republicans-antisemitism.html>.

<sup>3</sup> Hillel International, *supra* note 1.

<sup>4</sup> Claire Heddles, *'Nazi heaven': Inside Miami campus Republicans' racist group chat*, *Miami Herald*, Mar. 16, 2026 <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/article314928484.html>.

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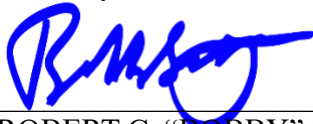
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Leaders of Young Republican groups from around the country, many of whom were once active in chapters at universities, participated in an unwieldy Telegram chat that advocated for sending political adversaries to gas chambers, expressed love for Hitler, and questioned the honesty of Jews.<sup>5</sup> And in March, the College Republicans of America named Kai Schwemmer, “an ally of white nationalist and Holocaust denier Nick Fuentes, as its new political director.”<sup>6</sup>

Please let me know if and when you plan to call representatives of these entities before the Committee, and please include me on any oversight letters you plan to send to these groups to gain more information about these antisemitic incidents.

Sincerely,



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<sup>5</sup> Jason Beeferman & Emily Ngo, *‘I love Hitler’: Leaked messages expose Young Republicans’ racist chat*, Politico, Oct. 14, 2025, <https://www.politico.com/news/2025/10/14/private-chat-among-young-gop-club-members-00592146>.

<sup>6</sup> Kathryn Palmer, *Are College Republicans OK?*, Inside Higher Ed, Mar. 19, 2026, <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/students/free-speech/2026/03/19/are-college-republicans-ok>.