



Senators McCormick, Fetterman Write Pennsylvania College Presidents on Campus Antisemitism

By U.S. Senator Dave McCormick
Senator John Fetterman and I recently sent letters to the presidents of five Pennsylvania universities expressing concern about the continued rise of antisemitism on college campuses in Pennsylvania and across the nation in the nearly two years since Hamas' October 7, 2023, terror attack on Israel. We also encouraged the university presidents to work with Jewish institutions on campus and equip them with the resources needed to help ensure "all students, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or shared ancestry are safe and able to fully participate in campus life."

The letters were addressed to Pennsylvania State University President Neeli Bendapudi, Temple University President John Fry, University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Joan Gabel, University of Pennsylvania President J. Larry Jameson, and Lehigh University President Joseph J. Helble. These five schools have the largest Jewish student populations in Pennsylvania.

In part, the letter reads:

"As the 2025-2026 school year begins, we write to urge you, as a leader of a Pennsylvania university with a large Jewish student population, to commit to ensuring Jewish institutions on your campus are equipped to protect the students they serve, including by allocating the resources to do so. Pennsylvania is home to some of the nation's leading public and private universities. Your institution is spearheading cutting-edge research while attracting ambitious, hardworking students to the Commonwealth. However, Pennsylvania campuses have been no exception to the alarming rise of antisemitic harassment and violence. Chabad houses have been vandalized, entrances to Hillel buildings have been targeted, and Jewish students have been assaulted. To protect the students and faculty they host, many Jewish institutions have been forced to cover the costs of additional security..."

No student should feel like they must risk their safety to exercise their First Amendment rights to peacefully assemble and freely practice their religion. No campus institution should have to curtail its services to cover security expenses..."

Read the full text of the letter here <https://www.mccormick.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/PA-Campus-Letters.pdf>.

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On our recent trip to the Nordic / Baltics region, Dina and I met Pennsylvanians proudly serving our country abroad, including: A U.S. Army scout from Montgomery County as part of a rotation to Estonia; a political officer from Danville – near my hometown of Bloomsburg – in Estonia; a young Marine from Lancaster in Norway; a political officer from Hazleton in Copenhagen; the Chief of Mission from Montgomery County, currently in Copenhagen; and a State College native now based in the embassy in Helsinki, Finland. I'm thankful for their service to our nation!

I also had the chance to meet with General Chris Donahue, a Chambersburg, PA native serving as Commander of U.S. Army Europe and Africa. He is a fellow West Point graduate and was the Commander of my former unit – the 82nd Airborne Division. Gen. Donahue has led various combat units through countless deployments, including Airborne, Ranger, Light, Mech, the 75th Ranger Regiment, and USASOC. He is the embodiment of Duty, Honor, Country.









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