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**Via email**

Dear Chancellor White and President Harrison,

I am writing on behalf of Independent Jewish Voices (IJV). Our organization represents Jews across Canada who are working for a just resolution to the dispute in Israel and Palestine through the application of international law and respect for the human rights of all parties.

We have just learned of a letter from the AMCHA Initiative, a Zionist organization whose mandate is "To investigate, document, educate about, and combat antisemitic behavior on college and university campuses in America and the institutional structures that legitimize it and allow it to flourish," to the California State University Board of Trustees. The letter accuses Professor David Klein, someone who takes prominent positions in support of the Palestinian people, of misusing his CSUN email address and website.

Unfortunately, this is the latest in a never-ending series of attempts by unquestioning supporters of Israel to suppress criticism of that country in the name of combating anti-Semitism. IJV has a great deal of experience with groups like the AMCHA Initiative. We categorically reject these and other, similarly outrageous, campaigns to limit freedom of expression, which have been carried out periodically in Canada, as well.

Vigorous debate of such vitally important topics as the ongoing crisis in Israel and Palestine must be allowed to flourish on our university campuses. We urge you to protect those who engage in them.

Yours truly,

Sid Shniad

On behalf of the national steering committee  
Independent Jewish Voices Canada