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Dear President Ettinger and Provost Croson,

I am writing to fully echo concerns expressed by Prof. Gross in his letter. In my opinion, the appointment of Dr. Segal offends Jewish community of the Twin Cities and contributes to the marginalization of Jewish students, already on display due to recent protest and encampment. It also puts us on a brink of Jewish donors starting to withdraw their support from the U. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I find it totally unacceptable and irresponsible.

Sincerely,
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Dear Interim Dean Ettinger and Provost Croson,

I am writing to express my concern at the decision of CLA's Interim Dean to offer the position of Director of the Holocaust and Genocide Studies Center (HGSC) to Prof. Raz Segal. This recent decision is the latest in a string of recent actions that have made the University of Minnesota, in general, and CLA, in particular, an unwelcoming institution to Jewish students, staff, and faculty.

I believe strongly in academic freedom and faculty governance. I do not believe in canceling and boycotting. That is not what is at issue here. Rather, what is at stake here is the utter and total lack of suitability of Prof. Segal to the position of director of HGSC and the negative effects that such an appointment is going to have not only on our Jewish community on campus but on the university at large.

The director of HGSC needs to be not only an individual with strong academic credentials and a track record in Holocaust and Genocide studies but also a person who will, as the job description has it, "Work collaboratively on relevant projects with centers, departments, and programs in the College of Liberal Arts and elsewhere at the University of Minnesota" and "Engage in community outreach." It is also preferred that the director will have a "proven ability to work across diverse