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**COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM
IN COLORADO RESPONDS TO PRO-HAMAS ENCAMPMENT
ON AURARIA CAMPUS**

***Groups Call on University Leadership to Take Swift Action to Shut Down the
Protests and Protect Jewish Students***

Denver, CO — The next chapter of the pro-Hamas playbook has reached Denver – an encampment was attempted to be established today on Denver’s Auraria campus, home to the University of Colorado Denver, Community College of Denver, and Metropolitan State University of Denver – University administrators vowed to close down the protest at sunset.

“We call on University leadership to take bold action before this protest rises to the violent and dangerous levels we’re seeing at Columbia University and other colleges. This is not about peaceful protest or the First Amendment, this is about keeping Jewish students safe while they pursue higher education. When Jewish students fear leaving their dorms, are locked in classrooms, or worse, told to leave campus entirely because their community cannot protect them, antisemitism is clearly present and we need university leaders who will be brave and lead,” said **Matt Most, Acting Director, Colorado Jewish Community Relations Council**.

We ask every Colorado college and university to: (1) ensure their policies clearly prohibit behavior violating the civil rights of Jewish students, and if not, immediately amend their code of conduct; (2) adopt a zero tolerance policy with appropriate punishment for violators, including expulsion and referrals to law enforcement; (3) ensure that non-campus actors are excluded from all campus protest activity; and (4) prevent protests from targeting known Jewish locations, student groups, Jewish fraternities, Hillel, Chabad on Campus, individuals, and facilities such as the Golda Meir House.

Yesterday, [a senior Hamas official](#) expressed support for the student protests staged in solidarity with Gaza at universities around the country and condemned U.S. efforts to ensure a safe learning environment for all students. “When genocidal terrorists praise your ‘activism,’ you know you’re on the wrong side of history,” Said **Miri Kornfeld, Director, StandWithUs Colorado**. “We’re watching students spewing genocidal chants and glorifying terrorism, threatening the safety of Jewish students. This isn’t about peace, it’s a blatant call for the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people.”

“Since the beginning of this conflict, pro-Hamas rhetoric and activities are creating a permissive structure for antisemitism to thrive. We’ve now reached a level that parallels 1938 Nazi Germany, when Jewish students were forced from universities,” said **Stefanie Clarke, co-founder of Stop Antisemitism Colorado**. “Watching these coordinated scenes unfold around the country literally overnight begs the question — who is orchestrating all of this? Our students have become pawns of a foreign terrorist organization intent on destroying the United States and our democracy.”

"As campuses around the country become inundated with antisemitic and anti-Jewish actions and tropes that cause Jewish students to fear for their safety, it is incumbent upon University leadership to be proactive and create an environment conducive to the core of their institution’s existence – to foster a safe and civil place of learning," said **Tal Diamant, Chair, Israeli American Council Colorado**.

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