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Temple Student Government

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Dear Members of the Temple Community,

In response to recent events and the messages from President Englert and the Temple University community regarding the complex and deeply rooted history in Palestine and Israel, we, as your Student Government, wish to make a clear and unequivocal statement:

Temple University has no place for any discrimination, especially islamophobia or antisemitism, that disparages any person or persons based on religion, nationality, race, gender, sexual orientation or identity.

We recognize and acknowledge the deep pain and sorrow that recent events in Palestine and Israel have caused for members of our community. Temple Student Government stands firmly for the values of empathy, inclusivity, and open dialogue.

Our hearts go out to all those who have been affected by these tragic events. We must remember that the loss of life is a profound human tragedy, regardless of nationality or ethnicity. Our institution's strength lies in the rich tapestry of unique individuals who make up our vast nest.

In these moments, it's important to uphold the Temple University values of diversity, inclusion, justice, and equality, as we continue to cultivate a welcoming learning environment that serves as a beacon for the future. We call on all members of our community to join us in this mission.

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Student Body President

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Student Body Vice President



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Our focus as your elected leaders is student safety and well-being during these challenging times. We encourage students to utilize the available resources as needed:

The following is an adapted copy of the statement issued by Interim Vice President for Student Affairs:

- **Public Safety**
 - If you or someone you know feels unsafe or becomes aware of threats or acts of violence within our community, please call Temple Police at 215-204-1234. If you have not already done so, you can also download and use the TUSafe app to request emergency services or walking escorts.
- **Office of the Dean of Students**
 - The Office of the Dean of Students can provide guidance and connect all students needing assistance to campus resources. The Office has also reached out individually to students with home addresses of record in the region to provide direct outreach and support and is coordinating with other offices across campus to support potentially impacted students.
- **Wellness Resource Center**
 - The Wellness Resource Center is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles and providing resources on how to cope with stress and anxiety.
- **IDEAL**
 - Visit IDEAL's offices or the Office of the Dean of Students for **IDEAL's Interfaith Inclusion Center**, which is committed to supporting the vibrancy of spiritual and religious life on campus.
- **International Student Affairs**
 - For our international students who may be dealing with additional challenges during this time, International Student Affairs (ISA) provides support to students in need to foster academic and personal success at Temple University.