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USG Supports a Safe Campus

Columbus, OH – The Undergraduate Student Government serves its constituents as the voice of the student body. Many students hold strong opinions on very sensitive and sometimes controversial topics. As your governing body, we respect all differing opinions and the debates that follow. The Ohio State University provides a unique academic space where sustained dialogue and respectful debate on these issues helps students gain greater insight into all sides of pressing matters. It is part of the experience of being a Buckeye and part of the reason we aim to serve students by advocating on tough issues.

While controversial speakers invited to campus is not a new phenomena, a speaker like David Horowitz is. He directed hateful comments toward the Muslim Student Association and the Committee for Justice in Palestine while on campus on April 22nd. In addition, his organization (David Horowitz Freedom Center) took responsibility for posting frightening and offensive posters attacking the Committee for Justice in Palestine here on campus earlier this year. This has prompted us to take a stance against him and his presence on campus.

While we refute David Horowitz's hateful comments on organizations present at The Ohio State University, we do not in turn deny the reality of hatred that both the Jewish and Muslim community face on our campus. Hatred directed at Muslims and Jews alike continues to be both a real and profuse problem. The hateful comments and attacks combat actual movement for resolutions on the political discussion that surround two greatly enriching communities.

Looking forward, we will help create sustained dialogue on all sides of pressing issues, including the Israel-Palestine conflict. The USG Diversity and Inclusion Committee, directed by Adrienne Michelson, will look into and support groups that help foster proactive and respectful dialogue on this topic. Join USG as we aim to make The Ohio State University a safe campus for all students.

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