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Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Reineke, ranking member Clyde, and members of the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee. Since my original Sponsor Testimony to this Committee on September 20, the ugliness of anti-Semitism has once again been manifested on an Ohio college campus. On the eve of the holiest day of the year in the Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the most hateful symbols of Jew hatred, Nazi swastikas, were painted on a university building and grounds of Ohio University in Athens. It is obvious that the problem of anti-Semitism on our Ohio campuses is not merely historical, but, rather, is immediate and ongoing. Thus the immediate relevance of HCR 10 and the need of this Committee, and of the House and the Senate, to approve it.

On behalf of his own organization, Proclaiming Justice to the Nations (PJTN), and of the Ohio Christian Alliance, and Christians United for Israel, the PJTN State of Ohio Director opened a dialogue with Ohio University President, Dr. M. Duane Nellis, and with the Chief of the Ohio University Police Department, to learn the university's plan to respond to this event, and we are satisfied with OU's actions thus far. We will continue to monitor law enforcement actions, and intend to continue our dialogue to provide educational support to OU to fight the problem of this bigotry.