

Dear Liz -

I'm sorry to have missed your recent visit to our foundation's offices in Utah. While there I'm sure you learned of our long-standing and deep commitment to an institution we love - and as a proud alum one I've personally committed immeasurable time to both domestically and abroad.

One of life's most exhilarating moments was delivery Penn's 2010 commencement speech while serving as US Ambassador to China. In it I referenced certain enduring values (human rights, free speech, etc) that transcend tribalism - or in my case a Republican proudly working for a democrat...the very values I learned at Penn - applicable to all regardless of identity, politics or geography.

To the outsider, it appears that Penn has become deeply adrift in ways that make it almost unrecognizable. Moral relativism has fueled the university's race to the bottom and sadly now has reached a point where remaining impartial is no longer an option. The University's silence in the face of reprehensible and historic Hamas evil against the people of Israel (when the only response should be outright condemnation) is a new low. Silence is antisemitism, and antisemitism is hate, the very thing higher ed was built to obviate.

Consequently, Huntsman Foundation will close its checkbook on all future giving to Penn - something that has been a source of enormous pride for now three generations of graduates. My siblings join me in this rebuke.

Sincerely,

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Former Governor of Utah