

Larry Hogan

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President Claudine Gay
Office of the President
Harvard University
Massachusetts Hall
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear President Gay,

Several months ago, I was honored to accept fellowships at both the Kennedy School of Politics and the Chan School of Public Health at Harvard University. Having just concluded a similar fellowship at the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics last week, I was looking forward to sharing leadership lessons with the next generation of leaders at Harvard next month.

Unfortunately, this letter is to officially inform you that I must regretfully withdraw my offer to participate in this engagement. I cannot condone the dangerous anti-Semitism that has taken root on your campus, especially by more than 30 Harvard student organizations attempting to justify and celebrate Hamas' terrorism against innocent Israeli and American civilians.

This horrific terrorist attack was the greatest loss of Jewish life since the Holocaust and it should be universally condemned as exactly what it is: pure evil. While these students have a right to free speech, they do not have a right to have hate speech go unchallenged by your institution. Harvard's failure to immediately and forcefully denounce the anti-Semitic vitriol from these students is in my opinion a moral stain on the University.

The lessons of history are clear: we must all do our part to take a clear stand in the face of genocidal acts against the Jewish people or any group. There is no "both sides" when it comes to the murder, rape, and kidnapping of innocent

women and children. I believe very strongly that in this matter there is no room for justification or equivocation.

I am hereby withdrawing from my participation in the Harvard University fellowship programs. This is not a decision I have taken lightly, but it is my hope that it may help further spur you to take meaningful action to address anti-Semitism and restore the values Harvard should represent to the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Hogan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Larry" and last name "Hogan" clearly distinguishable.

Larry Hogan
62nd Governor of Maryland

CC:

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