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Dear Colleagues,

Before we head out for the holiday break, I want to thank you once again for your letter expressing dismay about ongoing expressions of antisemitism and Zionophobia on our campuses. This issue matters deeply to me, and I know the danger of letting antisemitism go unaddressed. If you have not had a chance to see the statement [I released](#), as well as [Chairman Caruso's](#) yesterday, the links are highlighted.

More importantly, we will continue to work on this for as long as it takes. When we're back in January, I plan to delve into how we can better address hateful and vile speech that wounds our community. I know these are issues that concern you greatly, and together I believe we can find meaningful solutions. I need your help to find methods to go beyond issuing university statements and, instead, work toward a set of principles that reflect a level of conduct we expect from all Trojans, along with a clear understanding of repercussions and accountability.

If you have any thoughts over the break, please don't hesitate to be in touch. Otherwise, I look forward to further conversations in January.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol L. Folt".

Carol L. Folt  
President