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ג' ניסן תשפ"ב

Dear President Rehfeld, Chair Neuman Hochberg, Chair Elect Edelson and Members of the HUC-JIR Board of Governors,

As proud alumni and supporters of the College-Institute, we have witnessed with dismay some of the responses regarding proposed next steps in the strategic planning process for HUC-JIR. While we recognize that some of these changes will be painful, we view them as necessary. Not to take action at this critical moment would be irresponsible. We are saddened as well by the tone of some of these responses, particularly those that call into question the transparency, integrity, and sincerity of your leadership.

Some have gone so far as to threaten to withhold their financial support should the proposed changes be affirmed by the Board of Governors.

We feel quite the opposite, so much so that we have decided to increase our support of the College-Institute both personally and from our communities as a result of the changes that you are making to ensure its long-term sustainability. We intend to work actively with you to communicate the importance of continued support for HUC-JIR throughout our networks. We are ready to step up to help raise funds to replace what may be lost during this process, as well as to partner with you to build toward a stronger future.

You have our full support.

In gratitude and respect,

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