Message to President Ono Re: Doxxed Students

Dear President Ono.

We write on behalf of Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine and University of Michigan Alumni for Palestine in response to the recent doxxing of two University of Michigan undergraduate students by the incendiary group Stop Antisemites (links here and here). As you are aware, doxxing is the publication of personally identifying information with malicious intent and can have real-life physical, psychological, and material consequences for students' livelihoods and safety. Not only were these students doxxed, but defamed with criminal accusations. The targeted students have already been subjected to an onslaught of racist and Islamophobic harassment online, compounded by the University's silence and its anti Democratic decision to cancel the student body vote on resolutions AR13-25 and AR13-26.

It is the University's responsibility, as well as that of faculty and staff, to protect students from such threats and reaffirm their freedom of speech and right to organize on our campus.

We join students in demanding that the University administration immediately release a statement identifying these accusations as demonstrably false, emphasizing no wrongdoing on the part of the TAHRIR Coalition or Students Allied for Freedom and Equality, condemning the multiple threats of violence leveled against implicated students, especially Salma Hamamy and Nooralhuda Sami. Further, we call on the University to implement the protective measures outlined below.

The University of Michigan must act immediately to offer moral, technical, and psychological support to affected students. These attacks have happened on other campuses, including <u>Columbia, Harvard</u>, and <u>Yale</u>, always targeting students of color. In response, Harvard University has established <u>a task force</u> and Columbia has established a <u>doxxing resource group</u>, both dedicated to supporting students experiencing doxxing, harassment, and online security issues. The University must mobilize around this issue and provide targeted students with software that periodically removes personal information from data broker sites, web-wiping services, and other doxxing resources. University representatives should attest to the students' innocence in response to any future inquiries. Legal counsel should also be provided to students facing legal repercussions as a result of this character assassination and defamation.

U-M students across the political spectrum are *united* in their condemnation for Stop Antisemite's doxxing of their classmates. The U-M Hillel Undergraduate Governing Board has spoken out against it on their Instagram. Likewise, Zionist and non-Zionist Jewish U-M students are publicly condemning the doxxing on SAFE's Instagram page and asking Stop Antisemites to remove the harmful posts. The University must act immediately within its full capacity to protect its students as a result of this attack.

We await your immediate response regarding the aforementioned demands and security measures.

Signed with profound care for our student body,

Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine, U-M Chapter

Alumni of the University of Michigan for Palestine