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Dr. Osama Abuirshaid  
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Dear Dr. Abuirshaid:

I wrote you on May 29, 2024, seeking documents and communications related to National Students for Justice in Palestine (National SJP) and other records within your custody or the custody of American Muslims for Palestine (AMP), an organization for which you serve as Executive Director.<sup>1</sup> Instead of working to accommodate my requests or producing any responsive documents to the Committee, your counsel has indicated that AMP will not accept my May 29, 2024, letter addressed to “National Students for Justice in Palestine, c/o Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, Executive Director, American Muslims for Palestine.”<sup>2</sup> Perhaps you believe this is a necessary course of action because such an admission could negatively impact AMP’s legal strategy in responding to a lawsuit filed in the Eastern District of Virginia.<sup>3</sup> To avoid any further delay and alleviate any confusion on your part, please be advised that I am writing to you directly as the Executive Director of AMP and request yours and AMP’s prompt and voluntary compliance with the document requests reiterated below.

As I wrote in my May 29, 2024, letter to you, substantial evidence indicates a direct relationship between AMP and National SJP, which claims to “support[] over two hundred Palestine solidarity organizations on college campuses across occupied Turtle Island (U.S. and Canada).”<sup>4</sup> I therefore wrote seeking “documents and information from your organization to facilitate oversight into how pro-Hamas propaganda and illegal encampments are being funded.”<sup>5</sup> This oversight is critical to inform legislation to ensure that federal agencies are able to adequately prevent money laundering and terrorist financing, as well as to determine whether statutory reporting requirements on financial institutions related to money laundering and terrorist financing need to be updated by Congress.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from James Comer, Chairman, Committee on Oversight & Accountability, to National Students for Justice in Palestine, c/o Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, Executive Director, American Muslims for Palestine (May 29, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Christina Jump, Civil Litigation Department Head for the legal division of the Muslim Legal Fund of America, to James Comer, Chairman, Committee on Oversight & Accountability (June 11, 2024).

<sup>3</sup> See *Parizer v. AJP Educational Foundation, Inc.*, No. 1:24-cv-00724 (E.D. Va. 2024).

<sup>4</sup> Nat’l Students for Justice in Palestine, Who Are We?: Our Mission, available at <https://nationalsjp.org/about>.

<sup>5</sup> *Supra*, n.1.

On June 11, 2024, counsel for AMP responded on your behalf to my May 29, 2024, letter asserting that “AMP is neither the ‘parent’ nor ‘founder’ of National SJP, nor does it bear any corporate relationship to that entity.”<sup>6</sup> Counsel further informed me through that correspondence that “AMP cannot accept your letter addressed to that organization” and that “since our clients cannot accept correspondence for a separate entity, they also cannot respond on behalf of that separate entity.”<sup>7</sup>

Counsel noted, purportedly as evidence supporting her own assertions, that she sent an e-mail to opposing counsel in the *Parizer v. AJP Educational Foundation, Inc.* lawsuit filed in the Eastern District of Virginia asserting to opposing counsel that her client AMP and National SJP bear no relationship.<sup>8</sup> Counsel’s assertions in that e-mail chain—which was attached as an exhibit to a motion filed by AMP seeking an extension to file its answer in that case merely as proof that opposing counsel did not object to the motion—are certainly not dispositive of the issue, and in any event are not relevant to my requests for documents and information in your custody.

On June 13, 2024, my staff attempted to clarify for your counsel that your June 11, 2024, response would not satisfy the requests made in my initial letter, and informed your counsel that the Committee expects AMP to produce any documents responsive to the five requests made in the May 29, 2024, request letter.<sup>9</sup> However, in response, your counsel reiterated that my initial letter “was addressed to National SJP, and only sent ‘c/o’ AMP.”<sup>10</sup> Your counsel further alleges that AMP does not have responsive records related to National SJP for any of my five requests, such that “AMP cannot provide the requested documents and communications you identify in the five items in your May 29, 2024 letter addressed to National SJP, both because it has no right or authorization to speak or act on National SJP’s behalf, and because AMP does not possess the records you seek.”<sup>11</sup>

To avoid any further confusion or delay on yours or your counsel’s part, I write to you directly to request information from you and AMP relevant to the Committee’s investigation of this matter. Please provide the following documents and information, covering the time period January 1, 2023, to the present, in your custody or in the custody of AMP, as soon as possible but no later than July 8, 2024:

1. All documents and communications related to National SJP’s funding;

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<sup>6</sup> *Supra*, n.2.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*; see also Defendant AJP Educational Foundation’s Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Responsive Pleadings, *Parizer v. AJP Educational Foundation, Inc.*, No. 1:24-cv-00724 (E.D. Va. 2024) (Filed May 24, 2024).

<sup>9</sup> E-mail from Committee Staff to Christina Jump, Civil Litigation Department Head for the legal division of the Muslim Legal Fund of America (June 13, 2024) (“Please be advised that your June 11, 2024, response will not satisfy the requests made by the Chairman’s letter to AMP, and that the Committee expects AMP to produce any documents responsive to the five requests.”).

<sup>10</sup> E-mail from Christina Jump, Civil Litigation Department Head for the legal division of the Muslim Legal Fund of America to Committee Staff (June 13, 2024).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

2. All documents and communications related to any National SJP policy, procedure, or standard operating practice to conduct due diligence or otherwise ensure that funding received by National SJP complies with all relevant laws related to terrorist financing;
3. All documents and communications related to the October 7, 2023, terrorist attack by Hamas, including, but not limited to, documents and communications related to National SJP's public facing responses to the October 7, 2023, terrorist attack by Hamas;
4. All documents and communications related to the promotion by National SJP of illegal activity or activity providing material support to terrorist organizations including, but not limited to, Hamas; and
5. All documents and communications, regardless of topic, created on or sent between October 6, 2023 – October 8, 2023, inclusive.

If AMP continues to fail to produce the requested documents, I will consider other measures, including the use of compulsory process, to gain compliance and obtain this material. The Committee will continue to vigorously pursue information relevant to its oversight in this matter. Any knowing and willful false statements or representations made to the Committee in conjunction with this or any other investigation conducted pursuant to the authority of this Committee could constitute criminal acts and will not be tolerated.

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

Sincerely,



James Comer  
James Comer  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

cc: The Honorable Jamie B. Raskin, Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Accountability