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**From:** Cesar Conda  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 3:53 PM  
**To:** Wait, Mark (Lee)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Potential Attack on the US-Qatar Bilateral Relationship  
**Attachments:** 9.16.24 Qatar Talking Points on Antisemitism.pdf

Hi Mark,

I wanted to flag this email from the Embassy of Qatar concerning tomorrow's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on hate crimes in America. (Does he plan to attend the hearing ?)

Please share this with the appropriate staff members on your team. The Embassy is willing to get on the phone to address any issues your boss may have.

Best,

Cesar

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**From:** Congress Affairs Office-Washington <congress.dc@mofa.gov.qa>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 3:38 PM  
**Subject:** Potential Attack on the US-Qatar Bilateral Relationship

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Dear Colleagues,

We hope this message finds you well.

The Embassy wanted to reach out to you ahead of tomorrow's hearing "A Threat to Justice Everywhere: Stemming the Tide of Hate Crimes in America." As has been reiterated many times, **the State of Qatar strongly condemns antisemitism, along with all forms of discrimination, prejudice, and ethnic, racial or religious intolerance, including hatred toward any religious group or people.**

Unfortunately, during several recent hearings, some witnesses have chosen to take the opportunity to make unfounded claims against Qatar. Over and over, their commentary has derailed the entire discussion and taken the focus away from the important work of the Committee. Further, Committee staff re-Tweet/promote this disinformation without recognizing how damaging it is.

This cycle is not constructive. By emailing you now, we are hoping to break this cycle. We would highly encourage you to review the attached document which details accurate information on Qatar's stance against Antisemitism, our work with six American Universities with campuses in Doha, and most importantly primary sources refuting claims of Qatar's involvement in on-campus protests. Please consider the facts before circulating potential disinformation on social media.

Should you or any member of your team, including your Member of Congress have any questions at all ahead of tomorrow's hearing, please let us know. We are happy to provide any additional information.

Sincerely,  
**The Congressional Affairs Department**  
The Embassy of the State of Qatar  
Washington, D.C. 20037

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### **Talking Points on Antisemitism / Hate Speech**

- Qatar strongly condemns antisemitism, along with all forms of discrimination, prejudice, and ethnic, racial or religious intolerance, including hatred toward any religious group or people.
- Qatar's Constitution protects religious freedom. Qatar's law specifically prohibits attacks on Islam, Christianity or Judaism.
- We are aware of the troubling rise of antisemitic rhetoric and hate speech on some U.S. university campuses, which is deeply concerning.
- Without evidence, some special interest groups have attempted to connect "foreign funding" to recent U.S. university campus protests. Some of these groups claim that Qatar is "the largest foreign donor" to U.S. universities. This is untrue. As confirmed by U.S. Department of Education reporting data, Qatar is not the largest foreign donor, nor even among the largest foreign donors.
- Qatar does fund the operations in Qatar of six American universities that provide instruction and award degrees to women and men in Qatar, and to those who wish to study there. Virtually all of this funding is spent in Qatar to operate these campuses – these are not donations.
- These excellent universities have operated in Qatar more than two decades, with strict agreements that assure complete operational independence. Qatar has no ability to influence anything that happens on U.S. university campuses, and no interest in doing so.
- During the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the 2024 Intelligence Community Annual Threat Assessment Briefing, a Member inquired about Qatar's alleged influence on protests at U.S. universities. Director of National Intelligence, Avril Haines, very categorically stated that there is no evidence supporting such claims about Qatar.

- For more than 35 years, Qatar has been an important strategic ally of the United States, working alongside the U.S. to advance peace, prosperity, and security in the Middle East and beyond. Al Udeid Air Base in Doha has more than 10,000 U.S. military service members stationed on rotation. This is the largest military base in the Middle East and serves as forward headquarters of United States Central Command and the 379<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing of the United States Air Force, providing important operational support for personnel and specific aircraft types in the region.
- Few host nations have contributed more generously than Qatar in “burden sharing” to advance our nations’ joint security objectives. Qatar served as the gateway for the massive evacuation of civilians from Afghanistan after the U.S. withdrawal in 2021. This resulted in President Biden designating Qatar as a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA) on January 31, 2022. Qatar now serves as the protecting power for U.S. diplomatic interests in Afghanistan.
- Qatar is at the forefront of helping advance meaningful negotiation between Israel and Hamas – providing, at the request of the United States, channels for communication and access to dialogue for both sides. Qatar continues to work diligently with the United States on the negotiation process and to de-escalate hostilities in the region to allow those negotiations to continue. We, like all peace-loving people, want to avoid further spiral into a broader conflict that could result in more mass suffering and drag the United States and other allies deeper into this crisis.
- In mid-August, CIA director Bill Burns awarded the head of the Qatari State Security Agency, Abdullah bin Mohammed Al-Khulaifi, the "George Tenet" medal for his work on strengthening intelligence cooperation between the United States and Qatar and the ability of the Qatari State Security Agency to prevent and foil threats and attacks in the Middle East.