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To the Leadership and Members of the North Carolina Democratic Party:

As the chief executives of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, Greensboro Jewish Federation, Greater Raleigh Jewish Federation, and Durham Jewish for Good, we write to express our deep disappointment and concern regarding the passage of several anti-Israel resolutions at your State Executive Committee meeting on June 28, 2025.

By endorsing resolutions that accuse Israel of genocide, call for an arms embargo against our strongest democratic ally in the Middle East, and deny Israel's right to self-defense, the North Carolina Democratic Party has not only adopted an extreme and misleading narrative, but has also furthered a climate of hostility toward the Jewish community in our state.

The resolutions' language—including characterizations of Israel's actions as "ethnic cleansing" and "apartheid"—echoes the most radical and inflammatory rhetoric found in international delegitimization campaigns. These claims ignore the complex and painful realities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and distort the nature of Israel's defensive response to the horrific Hamas-led attacks of October 7, 2023, which resulted in the murder, rape, and abduction of over 1,200 Israelis—civilians, including women, children, and the elderly.

At a time when antisemitism is rising at alarming rates across our state and nation, including in schools, on college campuses, and in public discourse, the adoption of these resolutions legitimizes harmful tropes and deepens societal divides. To many Jewish North Carolinians, these actions signal that our safety, identity, and lived experience have been devalued by a party that once claimed to stand against hate and for marginalized communities.

This moment demanded nuance, empathy, and a commitment to unity. Instead, the resolutions passed alienate tens of thousands of North Carolina Jews who support Israel's right to exist in peace and security—even as they advocate for Palestinian rights and the eventual establishment of two states for two peoples.

We urge the leadership of the NC Democratic Party to reconsider the direction these resolutions represent. Meaningful dialogue on issues as complex and emotionally charged as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict must include the voices, concerns, and historical truths of Jewish people in North Carolina. We stand ready to engage in that dialogue—but it must begin with a recognition that demonizing Israel contributes to the marginalization of Jewish communities here at home.

Respectfully,

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