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To: Representatives Thompson and Greenspan
Re: HCR 10

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Thank you for your invitation to attend your press conference tomorrow, to support House Concurrent Resolution 10, to "Condemn Manifestations of Anti-Semitism." While I will not be able to be in attendance, Rabbi Avi Goldstein, the rabbi of Beth Jacob Congregation in Berwick, will be representing Agudath Israel.

Agudath Israel strongly supports this resolution, and all efforts to remove the scourge that is anti-Semitism from Ohio. The Boycott, Divest, and Sanction movement, seeks to isolate Israel and its people.

We are grateful that you as well as the co-sponsors recognize this malicious movement for what it is, and are working to promote peace and academic freedom. This builds on the important work of the 131st General Assembly (HB 476) to combat the BDS movement.

Singling out Israel for a boycott, in addition to being based on falsehoods, begs the question. "Why do you not boycott regimes across the world that mistreat their citizens and deny them civil rights?" The answer, is simple, this movement is based on pure anti-Semitism. Ohio's steps to curb this hostile movement could not come at a more important time.

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