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Dear Academic Faculty, Administrative Staff, Students
and University Community,

In recent weeks, we have witnessed a wave of legislative initiatives that imperil the democratic ethos of the State of Israel.

These proposals pose a clear and present danger to human rights by discriminating against specific groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, while spreading rancor in Israeli society, the media and academia.

Since its inception, University of Haifa evolved into the most diverse university in Israel, becoming a symbol of tolerance and coexistence. We will do our utmost to maintain our academic autonomy and protect all groups in Israel and on our University campuses. We are an academic community far removed from the ivory tower; we strive to change, contribute and impact the world around us.

We invite and encourage each and every one of you to make your voices heard from every stage – through print, broadcast, and social media, as well as academic lectures and conferences.

It goes without saying that we will maintain the integrity of our classrooms, on all levels and in all disciplines. This is the time to bolster the fundamental teachings of democratic principles upon which Israeli society is founded: pluralism, tolerance, minority rights, freedom of thought and opinion, moral freedom and the right to equality. These rights must apply to all, regardless of religion, race and gender.

Sincerely,



Prof. Ron Robin
President



Prof. Gur Alroey
Rector



Mr. Sharon Zaid
VP and CEO