



Dear Dr. Benjamin,

On behalf of the American Jewish Medical Association (AJMA), the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the Academic Engagement Network (AEN), and Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), we are writing in light of the recent developments within the American Public Health Association (APHA).

We have been in touch with members across the association and have heard encouraging updates regarding both the proceedings in advance of and during this year's Annual Meeting. In particular, we want to gratefully acknowledge:

- The decisive action taken in 2025 to suspend a section leader from membership and leadership following an investigation that determined that she had promoted intolerance, hate and discrimination against Jewish people.
- The communication to members ahead of the 2025 Annual Meeting outlining a series of policies intended to ensure a safe, professional, and respectful environment, including a prohibition on protests and demonstrations at meeting venues and a requirement that presentation content remain consistent with the accepted abstract.
- The reminders to all members regarding the Code of Conduct and the consequences of violations.
- The passage of the Governing Council's new policy statement, *Public Health Approach Against Hate Motivated Behavior*, which articulates a constructive and principled framework for addressing hate within the field of public health.

We want to thank you, the leadership team, and the Governing Council for these steps and for the positive direction the association is moving in more broadly. These efforts represent important progress towards ensuring a safe, inclusive, professional, and respectful climate within APHA.

As APHA continues this work, we would welcome the opportunity to support and collaborate with you. Our organizations collectively work at the intersection of public health, academic environments, professional associations, civil discourse, community safety, and bias prevention. We would be glad to offer resources, expertise, and partnership as APHA continues to strengthen systems and culture.

We believe there are several areas where collaboration could be especially valuable, including:

- **Civil discourse and constructive dialogue programming**, designed to support members in navigating disagreement and difficult conversations while maintaining professionalism and respect.
- **Training and guidance for national and section leadership** on identifying, preventing, and responding to antisemitism in professional spaces.
- **Resource sharing** focused on best practices for fostering inclusive climates in professional associations, particularly during periods of heightened political polarization.

We would welcome the chance to schedule a conversation at your convenience to discuss how we might best support you and how we can partner in a way that aligns with APHA's ongoing priorities and processes.

We look forward to the possibility of continued dialogue and collaboration.

Sincerely,

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