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To: SLAW-STUDENTS@LISTSERV.NEU.EDU <SLAW-STUDENTS@LISTSERV.NEU.EDU>

Subject: [SLAW-STUDENTS] Solidarity for Palestine

Dear NUSL students,

Please see attached statement of solidarity for the people of Palestine. As Chair of SBA, I have not asked the other members of SBA to sign on to this message, and I ask that you please do not make assumptions or associations with the rest of SBA related to endorsement of this message, or with the decision to send it, which was made by me and me alone.

I will note that expressing solidarity with Palestine can come at great costs. For many, solidarity can threaten their connections in personal social circles. For some, it can threaten or dissolve their professional lives and job prospects, and for some, expressions of solidarity can threaten their physical safety, and the safety of their families.

Alternatively, we have seen uncompromising messages of solidarity for Israel coming from our State Representatives, our [State Governor](#) and the [President of the United States](#). Suffice to say, there is widespread national and institutional solidarity for those who express feelings of solidarity for Israel.

As a top public interest law school in the nation, it is important to me that we maintain a track record of standing in support of oppressed, marginalized, and colonized people—even when it is difficult—and I would be remiss to not give space for some of the context and history surrounding Palestine, which is included in the attached statement. Given the threats associated with expressing solidarity for Palestine, the statement’s writers, as well as its signatories, have been anonymized and instead, I am using my relatively

privileged and relatively protected position to put the message forward with my name and endorsement on it.

I have read the attached statement, and I believe it is important to send it out and stand in solidarity with Palestinian voices—voices that are given no institutional space or support. I expect the message to be misconstrued, but I ask for people to read the letter in its entirety, and not make any assumptions or inferences that extend beyond what is written.

In solidarity,
Michael Allen – *Chair, NUSL SBA*

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