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The Honorable Phillip Derrow
New Albany School Board
55 North High Street
New Albany, OH 43054

Dear School Board Member Derrow,

We write on behalf of JewishColumbus, the largest funder of Jewish programs in Columbus, serving and enriching our community from birth to senior living.

Recently, you made a comparison of public policy regarding mask policies in schools to practices in Nazi Germany. Still, for members of the Jewish community, Holocaust survivors and educators, World War II veterans who liberated European Jewry in the concentration camps and ghettos, and others, regardless of their political views, this was extremely hurtful, offensive, and beyond the pale of acceptable civic debate.

We understand your motives were in the spirit of public policy debate. Still, we cannot remain silent when such comparisons are made.

We invite you to meet at any time to discuss how we commit to remembering and caring for those survivors who are still among us. We hope this can be an educational opportunity about the true meaning of "never again." One by one, we must continue to share the perils of our past to ensure our future is free of hate.

Sincerely,

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