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**House of Representatives**  
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Dear Fellow Members of the Truman Foundation Board,

As a recently appointed Board Member of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, I write today with a deep sense of concern and urgency following recent public reports and congressional correspondence questioning the ideological impartiality of the Foundation's selection process.

I am sure the Board is aware of my colleague and former Committee on Education and Workforce Chairwoman Virginia Foxx's letter last May, where she raised troubling and well-documented findings, including the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) study<sup>1</sup> and reporting from The College Fix,<sup>2</sup> which show a clear pattern of ideological and political bias in the selection process of Truman Scholars. The data suggests a partisan imbalance with recipients favoring progressive causes over conservative ones by a ratio of more than 10 to 1 between 2021 and 2023.

Equally disturbing are accounts that a 2025 Truman Scholar, Eva Frazier, publicly espoused support for Hamas, a U.S. designated foreign terrorist organization, a position not only inconsistent with the values of public service and moral clarity but also deeply offensive to many Americans and members of the Jewish community.

Most notably, this recipient was a leader of a student organization that undersigned a joint letter to Harvard saying Israel was "entirely responsible" for the attack by Hamas-terrorists that slaughtered over 1,200 innocent people and kidnapped over 250. There is zero explanation for this besides pure antisemitic hatred.

The letter stated "We, the undersigned student organizations, hold the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence. The apartheid regime is the only one to blame."<sup>3</sup> I find it morally reprehensible that the Foundation seeks to reward a student who openly distorts the horrors of October 7<sup>th</sup>, the largest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, and to do so with American taxpayer dollars.

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<sup>1</sup> [Do the Rhodes and Truman Scholarships Have Any Room for the Right? | American Enterprise Institute - AEI](#)

<sup>2</sup> [The College Fix investigates: Truman Scholarships | The College Fix](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Eva Frazier – In the wake of the October 7 attacks, radical "scholars" at Harvard responded by issuing a statement in support of the terrorists and blaming the victims. Eva Frazier is a leader of an organization that signed this hateful, antisemitic letter.](#)

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These views, especially those that align with a terrorist organization responsible for the heinous acts of violence and terror on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, are not deserving of the value and honor this scholarship beholds. The Truman Scholarship is a distinguished award intended to recognize and support the future leaders of our country, those who represent the full diversity of perspectives, beliefs, and values. However, Ms. Frazier's views and associations demonstrate a disregard for these principles and raise serious questions about the Foundation's vetting process. It is troubling that someone with such inflammatory and hateful rhetoric has been selected as a recipient of a scholarship intended to prepare future leaders for public service.

These facts should alarm all of us entrusted with the stewardship of a congressionally chartered, taxpayer-funded institution intended to represent the full breadth of America's future public servants.

When Congress created the Truman Scholarship, it did so with the explicit intention of fostering the next generation of civic leaders — not solely those aligned with one side of the political spectrum. The current perception, substantiated by both independent research and media reporting, is that the Foundation has drifted away from this mandate.

As a sitting Member of Congressional Leadership, a representative of the American people, and now a member of this Board, I take seriously the responsibility to ensure that this program remains ideologically inclusive, morally aligned with American values and worthy of continued public support. I echo and strongly reaffirm Chairwoman Foxx's request for accountability and transparency.

Moreover, I urge this Board to proactively initiate a review of current recruitment, nomination, and selection practices to evaluate whether they unintentionally suppress or disadvantage applicants with conservative perspectives. Additionally, given the moral and ethical implications of this situation, I strongly urge the Truman Foundation to rescind the 2025 scholarship of this pro-Hamas, antisemitic recipient. This recipient does not embody the core values of the Truman Foundation, and her selection reflects poorly on the institution and undermines its credibility. As an organization funded by taxpayers and tasked with promoting the common good, the Truman Foundation must ensure that its honorees represent the highest ideals of public service, integrity, and American values.

It is my hope that this Foundation can reestablish the public's trust by ensuring a merit-based, ideologically diverse process that truly honors President Truman's legacy and the full spectrum of American public service and patriotism.

I look forward to working with each of you to uphold the highest standards of fairness and excellence in this vital institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elise M. Stefanik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elise" and middle initial "M." written in a more connected style, and the last name "Stefanik" written more distinctly.

**Elise M. Stefanik**

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