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February 24, 2021

Trustees of the Longwood Foundation
Chabad 1811 Silverside Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19810

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to you today in support of the Chabad Center at the University of Delaware to be fairly considered for grant funding provided by the Longwood Foundation.

The Chabad Center at the University of Delaware has provided essential services and programs in the community of Newark for close to 35 years. Unfortunately, Delawareans witnessed the heartbreaking attack on the Chabad Center when it was set ablaze and destroyed by an arsonist. This vile act against an institution that has served hundreds of our youth and young adults, since 1987, was painful for every member of our community to experience. As a result of this heinous attack, the Chabad Center, once a vital resource and second home to a diverse composition of students varying in race, ethnicity, gender and religion to access meals, services, classes and counseling is no longer. With the support and commitment of the Longwood Foundation, the Chabad Center, Rabbi Vogel and the University of Delaware would be a step closer to restoring critical services and programs that the community has heavily depended on for decades.

Members of the Jewish community have a history of experiencing violence and hate for their faith all over the world. The Vogel's are dedicated to providing UD's campus with their passion and excitement for Judaism to the UD Jewish community. This space created a home away from home to more than 2,200 Jewish students attending the University of Delaware. Through the leadership provided by the Chabad Center, students have the opportunity to feel safe and seek guidance on numerous social, educational, and spiritual issues. The services and programs provided by the Chabad Center at the University of Delaware are critical in answering and sustaining social determinants of health needs of the city of Newark, constructively supporting positive conditions and quality of life outcomes.

The Chabad Center at UD has continued to serve everyone within the campus community by actively providing support and encouragement to all who chose to accept it. Their quest in rebuilding will provide the center with the necessary tools needed to continue flourishing and serving University of Delaware students, remaining at the heart of UD campus that welcomes, teaches and provides inspiration to all.

The Chabad Center is currently rebuilding bigger and stronger than before, transforming misfortune into renewal, growth and hope. In order for this to successfully happen, the center is in need of the encouragement and assistance of all who are able to provide it. Your support

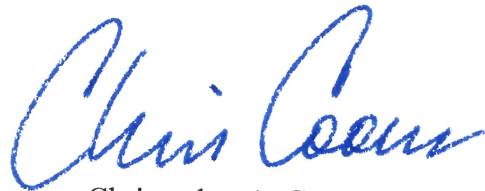
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would help aid the Chabad Center at UD in this important endeavor. The partnership between the Chabad Center at the University of Delaware and the Longwood Foundation would serve as a catalyst towards addressing the violence and hate the Jewish community continually endures, while also aiding access to crucial social and educational services. This endeavor would undoubtedly start a ripple effect of positivity that would greatly enhance the University of Delaware community as well as those in surrounding areas.

We appreciate your consideration of the Chabad Center at the University of Delaware's letter of support and thank you for considering investing in the Center's quest to rebuild and continue serving the community. We ask that you contact us once a decision is rendered. If you should have any questions, I can be reached through my Senior Director of Community Affairs, JJ Francis, in my Wilmington office at 302-573-6345. Thank you for your time and consideration of the Chabad Center at the University of Delaware's grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Coons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Coons" clearly distinguishable.

Christopher A. Coons
United States Senator