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Senator Martins Statement on CUNY anti-Semitism Report

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"For months, we've been waiting for CUNY's report on a disturbing trend of anti-Semitic acts perpetrated against Jewish students and faculty on its campuses. Today, late on a Friday afternoon, only hours before the Jewish Sabbath, a report commissioned by CUNY, to investigate CUNY, exonerated CUNY -- it's insensitive, disturbing and unacceptable. Sadly, it's also not surprising.

Everyone has a right to free speech, but they do not have the right to receive taxpayer funding or support to further their message. Far from the First Amendment free speech excuse offered by this report, CUNY's continued institutional embrace of using tax dollars to fund hate groups who target Jews and campus sanctioned activities like "Israel-Apartheid Week" show that they simply don't understand where that line is.

I will continue fighting to ensure that our public colleges in New York State do not fund harassment and hate against our children under the guise of free speech."