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To Whom It May Concern,

Two and a half years ago, when I was last consulted, I gave my blessing to a Yeshiva University initiative to help students struggling with problems of same sex attraction and gender identity.

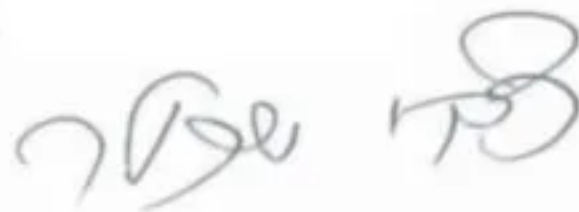
My position, then as now, emphatically rejects the ideology, lifestyle and behaviors which, the LGBTQ term represents.

My position, then as now, is that all relevant prohibitions (homosexual behavior, same-sex marriage, castration, etc.) obviously must be uncompromisingly upheld. Simultaneously, all halachically legitimate means of support should be provided to struggling students to foster and sustain their uncompromising commitment to all of the above.

I gave my blessing to providing guidance and support in maintaining full, uncompromising *shmeras ha-mitzvos* - to this sacred goal and nothing more.

Experience has attested that allowing this initiative to take the form of a club has and continues to create confusion. I very much regret that I did not previously recognize this factor.

Establishing any additional club in any orthodox institution will only add to that confusion and must be avoided.



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