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President Walter "Ted" Carter, Jr.  
Office of the President  
The Ohio State University  
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15 East 15th Avenue, Fifth Floor  
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Re: The Ohio State University divesting interests in Israeli assets


Dear President Carter,

You have asked whether The Ohio State University may divest its interests in Israeli assets.

Israel is a jurisdiction with whom the State of Ohio enjoys open trade. Accordingly, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 9.76, the University may not divest wholesale its interests in Israeli assets. Further, the University may not adopt or adhere to a policy of refusing to deal with or otherwise limit commercial relations with Israel or with any persons or entities associated with it.

A copy of Revised Code Section 9.76 is included with this letter for your convenience.

Yours,



Jonathan Blanton  
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