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Dear Dean Tupper,

I hope this message finds you well.

Despite it being the Sabbath, the Jewish day of rest, I woke up this morning to a distressing news article in the Daily Mail regarding Ms. Samantha Pearson, the director of the Sexual Assault Center at the University of Alberta. The article alleges that she is facing criticism for signing an open letter denying women were raped during Hamas' October 7 attack on Israel.

Since the tragic attacks of that Sabbath morning, which also coincided with a Jewish holiday, I have found solace in advocating for truth and justice, even on the Sabbath, especially when confronted with egregious falsehoods about the 1,200 victims of that day.

This morning, however, I was deeply troubled to see a headline suggesting that a reputable Canadian university's sexual assault center disputes that women were raped and sexually assaulted by Palestinian-Hamas terrorists.

If there is any validity to these claims, I implore you and your university to promptly suspend and initiate an investigation into Ms. Pearson for endorsing such a disconcerting declaration that minimizes the harrowing experiences of women and girls on that tragic day, five weeks ago. Should these allegations prove accurate, I believe her immediate resignation should be insisted upon.

Dean Tupper, given my lifelong commitment to promoting women's rights, human rights, and fostering respect and tolerance, I urge swift action in addressing this matter. I anticipate your response.

Sincerely,

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