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To the Office of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council [SSHRC],  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir/Madam:

At the suggestion of the Office of the Hon. Gary Goodyear, MP., we are forwarding to you a copy of our letter, to Mr. Goodyear, [included below], expressing our serious concern at the statement submitted to your office, by Mr Goodyear, critical of your support for funding the upcoming conference at York University, and asking you for a second peer review of this academic conference.

We find Mr. Goodyear's action unacceptable and displaying interference in academic freedom, in submission to bullying and pressure by B'nai B'rith and other pro-Israel lobby groups.

It is our hope that you will not submit to such pressure and maintain your honourable stand in supporting this academic conference held to promote free thinking and open discussion related to the Israel/Palestine conflict which continues to threaten regional and world peace, and deserves fair and free discussion, in accordance with our free Canadian values.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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