

גילוי דעת של אנשי מדע יהודים - נחתם ע"י למעלה מ-200 מדענים ומדעניות בכירים בחו"ל, ביניהם חתני פרס נובל, פילדס, טיורינג, המדליה הלאומית למדעים האמריקאית, פרסי פריצת הדרך, וחברי האקדמיות הלאומיות למדעים האמריקאית, האנגלית, הצרפתית והגרמנית.

המקור באנגלית ורשימת החותמים מופיעים מייד אחרי התרגום לעברית

כאנשי מחקר יהודים הפועלים בקהילה המדעית העולמית, אנו גאים בהישגים המרשימים של המדע בישראל. אנו תומכים ומעריכים את מדינת ישראל, ומוקירים את החברה הפלורליסטית והעושר התרבותי שבה. רבים מאיתנו מקיימים קשרי חברות, משפחה ושיתופי פעולה מדעיים, ומבקרים בארץ לעיתים קרובות. הזיקה החזקה שלנו לארץ מבוססת הן על זהותנו הקולקטיבית היהודית, והן על ערכים משותפים של דמוקרטיה, פלורליזם וזכויות אדם. אנו תומכים בזכותה של ישראל לחיות בשלום בין שכנותיה, ורבים מאיתנו עמדו בתקיפות נגד הקריאות לחרם על מוסדות אקדמיים ישראלים.

כתומכי ישראל אנו מרגישים מחויבות למחות בקול רם וברור כנגד השינויים במבנה הממשל בישראל, כפי שמקדם שר המשפטים לוי. שינויים אלה הורסים את מערכת המשפט ויפגעו אנושות בתפקידה הקריטי לפקח על פעולות הממשלה והכנסת. היעדר איזון בין הרשויות יתן כח בלתי מבוקר בידי הממשלה, שיזמין ניצול לרעה ושחיתות ויהיה הרסני ליחסי הגומלין הבריאים בין מוסדות הליבה של המדינה. ההיסטוריה מראה כי מצב זה מוביל לדיכוי חסרי הישע ופגיעה בזכויות אדם. יחד עם מאות אלפי תושבים ישראלים המפגינים ברחבי הארץ, אנו קוראים לממשלה לסגת משפת התהום ולמשוך את הצעות החוק.

המדע כיום מבוסס על שיתופי פעולה בין חוקרים מרקעים מגוונים וממקומות שונים ברחבי העולם. מימון, תקשורת ושיתוף פעולה בקנה מידה בינלאומי הם היבטים חיוניים של הפעילות המדעית המודרנית. בהתאם לכך, הקהילה המדעית המורחבת בה אנו פועלים רואה בערכים של פלורליזם, השכלה חילונית ורחבה, הגנה על זכויות נשים ומיעוטים, ויציבות חברתית המובטחת על ידי שלטון החוק, עקרונות יסוד ללא עוררין. אם ישראל תזנח אחד או יותר מערכים מהותיים אלה, יהיו לכך השלכות כבדות משקל, שיביאו לקרע מקהילת המדע הבינלאומית. בנוסף לסכנה גוברת לחרמות אקדמיים, מסחריים ודיפלומטיים, ישראל מסתכנת ב"בריחת מוחות" של מיטב המדענים והמהנדסים שבה. נדרשות עשרות שנים כדי לבנות מצוינות מדעית ואקדמית, אך קל להרוס אותה במחי יד. אנו חוששים שפגיעה חסרת תקדים בעצמאותה של הרשות השופטת בישראל, תוביל לנסיגה קשה ברמת המדע שנעשה בארץ, נזק שיהיה בכיה לדורות.

מורשתנו היהודית מדגישה את חשיבות הצדק והמשפט. כדי לשמש "אור לגויים" על מדינת ישראל לשמור על ערכי הליבה של הדמוקרטיה. ערכים אלה, אשר נוסחו בבהירות במגילת העצמאות, מבטיחים הגנה וחופש לכל תושבי המדינה ומקנים לישראל את מקומה בקהילת האומות הדמוקרטיות.

Statement of concern by Jewish scientists regarding
the proposed Israeli judiciary reforms

As Jewish scientists within the global science community, we have all felt great satisfaction and taken pride in Israel's many remarkable accomplishments. We support and value the State of Israel, its pluralistic society, and its vibrant culture. Many of us have friends, family, and scientific collaborators in Israel, and have visited often. The strong connections we feel are based both on our collective Jewish identity as well as on our shared values of democracy, pluralism, and human rights. We support Israel's right to live in peace among its neighbors. Many of us have stood firmly against calls for boycotts of Israeli academic institutions.

Our support of Israel now compels us to speak up vigorously against incipient changes to

Israel's core governmental structure, as put forward by Justice Minister Levin, that will eviscerate Israel's judiciary and impede its critical oversight function. Such imbalance and unchecked authority invite corruption and abuse, and stifle the healthy interplay of core state institutions. History has shown that this leads to oppression of the defenseless and the abrogation of human rights. Along with hundreds of thousands of Israeli citizens who have taken to the streets in protest, we call upon the Israeli government to step back from this precipice and retract the proposed legislation.

Science today is driven by collaborations which bring together scholars of diverse backgrounds from across the globe. Funding, communication and cooperation on an international scale are essential aspects of the modern scientific enterprise, hence our extended community regards pluralism, secular and broad education, protection of rights for women and minorities, and societal stability guaranteed by the rule of law as non-negotiable virtues. The consequences of Israel abandoning any of these essential principles would surely be grave, and would provoke a rift with the international scientific community. In addition to significantly increasing the threat of academic, trade, and diplomatic boycotts, Israel risks a "brain drain" of its best scientists and engineers. It takes decades to establish scientific and academic excellence, but only a moment to destroy them. We fear that the unprecedented erosion of judiciary independence in Israel will set back the Israeli scientific enterprise for generations to come.

Our Jewish heritage forcefully emphasizes both justice and jurisprudence. Israel must endeavor to serve as a "light unto the nations," by steadfastly holding to core democratic values – so clearly expressed in its own Declaration of Independence – which protect and nurture all of Israel's inhabitants and which justify its membership in the community of democratic nations

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