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United Jewish People's Order (UJPO), is a progressive, secular Jewish organization, and has a history of principled defense of the oppressed. True to our tradition, we stand in solidarity with those Israelis and Palestinians who fight for peace based on freedom, equality, and justice.

We strongly believe that the organizers of PRIDE Toronto have taken public steps to censor the political message of Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA). PRIDE seems to be encouraged in this direction by the right-wing Zionist supporters of racism, settler colonialism, and denial of Palestinian rights.

The Toronto Board of the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) vigorously protests this worrisome new development of political censorship.

The McCarthyist attempt to silence and marginalize QuAIA is an attack on LGBTQ people's rights of political expression, and as such, is an attack on all supporters of human rights. We demand that PRIDE be open to free expression of all political opinions, including those of QuAIA, without any undemocratic conditions or restrictions.

For the Toronto Board of the United Jewish Peoples Order

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