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Dear Mr. Monell,

We are writing on behalf of the CAMERA Education Institute, Jewish Institute for Liberal Values, and Parents Defending Education. Many of our members are concerned about the National PTA Multicultural Reference Guide's inclusion of hyperlinked texts taking users to the American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) [website](#) and the "Middle East and North Africa" section of the Amnesty International [website](#).

The office of Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares has [launched](#) an investigation into AMP for "fundraising without proper registration and for potentially violating Virginia's charitable solicitation laws." AMP National Board Chairman, Dr. Hatem Bazian, has [tweeted](#) antisemitic messages and [retweeted](#) antisemitic memes. AMP Executive Director, Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, has [applauded](#) the internationally-recognized terrorist organization, Hamas, responsible for the rocketing, rape, torture, massacre, and abduction of Israeli civilians on October 7, 2023 in what was the worst attack on Jews in a single day since the Holocaust. AMP Director of Outreach & Grassroots Organizing, Taher Herzallah, has praised Israeli casualties resulting from Hamas terrorist attacks. AMP is [committed](#) to the destruction of Israel.

Amnesty International has made numerous distortions and inaccurate statements about the State of Israel. You can find a selection of these distortions and inaccuracies [here](#) and [here](#). The anti-Israel bias of Amnesty International was observed by members of its own top ranks as early as the 1970s. Amnesty International's reports have been condemned by various Jewish and other nongovernmental organizations. These reports have included false statements that Amnesty International has refused to defend or correct after having been alerted to the falsity of such statements. Amnesty International leaders have also served on panels at events at which antisemites have participated.

Given the above facts about American Muslims for Palestine and Amnesty International, National PTA should remove references to these organizations from its Multicultural Reference Guide. We look forward to hearing from you on this urgent matter, so we can inform our constituencies that you have taken appropriate action to address this critical problem.

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