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Dear President Wong,

Disturbed by the continuing attacks on Professor Rabab Abdulhadi and the AMED program at San Francisco State University, we – as veterans of the 1968-69 strike at SFSU – want to express our support of Rabab Abdulhadi and the program she directs.

We find she has been subjected to a relentless bullying by right-wing Israel lobby groups, including the Campus Watch/Middle East Forum -- founded by Daniel Pipes, David Horowitz Freedom Center and Canary Mission -- and most recently by the Lawfare Project, which now launched a lawsuit against Dr. Abdulhadi, SFSU and CSU.

The appearance this fall of posters on campus identifying Professor Abdulhadi as a terrorist indicates the extent to which these forces are willing to go to slander professors teaching Arab, Middle East and Muslim Studies.

We realize that the School of Ethnic Studies and the AMED program is in the right-wing's crosshairs. They seem prepared to use a variety of tactics to intimidate Professor Abdulhadi, her students and the university itself. We encourage you to stand up to these bullies, to stand up for academic freedom, and to make sure AMED receives the attention and funding it deserves. (See our attached letter.)

Sincerely yours,

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