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To:

H.E. Réka Szemerényi, Ambassador of Hungary to the United States of America  
Zoltán Balog, Minister of Human Capacities, Ministry of Human Capacities, Hungary  
László Palkovics, Minister of State for Education, Ministry of Human Capacities, Hungary

Dear Ambassador Réka Szemerényi,  
Dear Minister Zoltán Balog,  
Dear State Minister of Education László Palkovics,

I am very disturbed to hear about the steps being taken about the closure of the Central European University in Hungary which has been doing such good work and has received admiration from across the world. A number of academics, including my colleagues, are writing a forceful joint letter to you in expressing their understandable distress at the proposed moves.

I share that judgment and appreciate those thoughts, but since I do not ever sign a joint letter, I am sending this separate one in supplementation of what others are doing through their joint letter.



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