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Dr. Michael Ignatieff  
President and Rector  
Central European University  
Budapest, Hungary  
[president@ceu.edu](mailto:president@ceu.edu)

Dear Dr. Ignatieff:

On behalf of Northwestern University, I would like to express our support and concern regarding the threat to Central European University. The recent legislation passed in Hungary threatens the integrity and academic freedom of CEU, and is a cause of great concern to all academic institutions.

CEU, a private university founded in 1991, attracts students from all over the world, including the United States. As such, it is an important symbol of both academic freedom and the rule of law in Hungary. We at Northwestern University stand with our colleagues at Central European University in your efforts to maintain the academic integrity of the institution and seek legal redress to the recently passed legislation. Academic freedom is an international value, and one that we at Northwestern share with you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary  
H.E. Réka Szemerkényi, Ambassador of Hungary to the United States of America