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**Subject: Letter of Support for the Central European University**

Dear Dr. Ignatieff,

The Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS) at the University of Mannheim is writing to express solidarity with the Central European University (CEU) and to convey support as you address potential legal changes in Hungary that imperil your ability to continue as an academic institution.

GESS is fortunate to have a number of Central European University (CEU) graduates as current members and alumni of our faculties in economics, social and behavioral sciences and business. These graduates and alumni have distinguished themselves as early career researchers and teachers with an impressive track record. Their insights into and distinguished contributions to the aforementioned disciplines are particularly enriching for an interdisciplinary and international institution like ours that is based on the lively exchange of ideas, research cultures, and academic traditions.

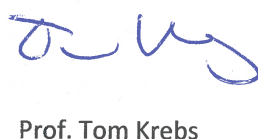
We appreciate the vital role of the CEU in academic knowledge production and dissemination of ideas in Europe and beyond as well as in society at large and therefore stand with CEU in support of that noble mission.

Yours sincerely,

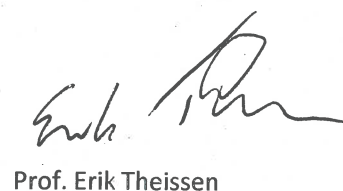
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