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Dear Professor Friedmann:

I have read with great concern articles suggesting that a group is attempting to stop the work of GILEE as part of a BDS movement. I strongly urge the administration at Georgia State to resist these attacks on academic freedom and to continue the well-deserved support that GILEE has had for many years. I have never participated in one of your programs, but I am well aware of it and have heard from numerous police chiefs and academics how valuable the program is for law enforcement in the US. It would be a serious blow to the reputation of GSU if this effort by a small group of political activists resulted in the elimination of GILEE.

Programs like GILEE that encourage our police leaders to pay more attention to the international aspects of crime, develop relationships with other police leaders, and learn from their successes and failures are very much needed. As the many awards and testimonials that GILEE has received demonstrate, this is exactly what it accomplishes.

I urge the GSU leadership to resist this intrusion on academic freedom and to continue to support this valuable exchange program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles F. Wellford".

Charles F. Wellford
Professor Emeritus