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To: [REDACTED]

Dear Kenyon community,

Kenyon Students for Justice in Palestine has erected a wall on Middle Path in order to draw attention to the illegal Separation Wall in Palestine-Israel and the larger system of Israeli apartheid of which it is a part. This wall is illegal because approximately 85% of it is built east of the Green Line, the internationally agreed upon 1967 boundary between Israel and Palestine. The Wall often separates families, creates checkpoints between homes and schools, and inhumanely limits the freedom of movement of Palestinians.

We want to invite community members to reflect on the daily experience of navigating a familiar environment: while we all enjoy the right to freedom of movement at Kenyon, as a result of Israeli government policies such as the Wall – Palestinians in the Occupied Territories *do not*. U.S. tax dollars subsidize the construction of and security along this separation barrier, which in different places features an approximately 25 foot tall cement wall, razor wire, trenches, sniper towers, electrified fences, military roads, electronic surveillance, and buffer zones of up 100 meters in width. The Wall's main designer, Danny Tirza, told the *Washington Post* in 2007 that 'the main thing the government told me in giving me the job was to include as many Israelis inside the fence and leave as many Palestinians outside.' Policies enacted "for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over another racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them," are a key element of the UN's definition of what constitutes the crime of apartheid. We are complicit in upholding a system of apartheid, and must act to end this policy immediately.

