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[By email]

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Dear Marie,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I found the examples listed in your letter, of instances in which Roger Waters has clearly espoused antisemitic views to his audiences, highly disturbing.

There is no place for antisemitism anywhere, at any time and those who hide behind the excuse that artists in the entertainment industry should not be held to the same standards as others are utterly wrong. There should be no artistic license for discrimination and racism.

The Labour Party stands with the Jewish community and fully condemns Roger Waters. Many people will think of Roger Waters as famous for being a member of one of the most important bands in history, but he is now more synonymous with spreading deeply troubling antisemitism and that is why I believe this show should not be allowed to go ahead. Views like this should not be given a platform.

Could you please advise whether you have received a response from the public bodies in question? You have my wholehearted support in this matter and wherever I can lend my voice to impress how serious this is, I will.

Yours sincerely,



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