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Dear Members of the Public Bill Committee,

## Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: Call for Evidence

Additional Supplementary Submission.

The Linguistic and Cultural Threats Posed by the Schools Bill – 28 January 2025

We are the authors of the UCL Department of Hebrew & Jewish Studies statement 'UCL Department of Hebrew & Jewish Studies statement on the importance of the Haredi educational system for the maintenance and preservation of endangered languages' included as 'Appendix A' within the further written evidence submitted by the British Rabbinical Union (2nd further submission) (CWSB154).

We would like to declare that our statement was not intended as an endorsement of any position with respect to the Schools Bill. It was written to provide information for a general audience regarding the role of Yiddish, Hebrew, and Aramaic within the Haredi educational system in the UK. Our statement was not designed to serve as supporting evidence against the Schools Bill or any other bill and should not be interpreted as such.

Yours sincerely,

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