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Chairman Tom Cole
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
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CC: Chairman Hal Rogers, Chairman Mark Amodei, Chairman Robert Aderholt, Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member Grace Meng, Ranking Member Henry Cuellar, Ranking Member Lois Frankel

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

As you begin drafting the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations bills, we write to urge robust funding to counter antisemitism and protect Jewish Americans from emerging threats. We hope that strong bipartisan and stakeholder support for efforts to reverse the terrifying surge of hatred directed against Jews will be reflected in our nation's annual spending measures.

Antisemitism poses a grave and growing threat. The ADL recorded 9,354 antisemitic incidents in the U.S. in 2024 (25 incidents per day) representing an increase of 344% over the last five years and nearly 900% over the past decade.¹ Antisemitism has become commonplace on college campuses, with many Jewish students fearing discrimination. According to the American Jewish Committee's second annual *State of Antisemitism in America* report, most American Jews surveyed reported changing their behavior over the previous year out of concern for their safety. Digital media platforms have been a key driver of anti-Jewish sentiments, with 73% of Jewish young adults reporting firsthand experience with online antisemitism in 2025.²

The FBI and Jewish organizations have demonstrated that incidents of harassment, vandalism, and assault targeting American Jews have drastically and persistently risen.³ A joint report by the ADL and Jewish Federations of North America found that 55% of Jewish Americans have experienced some form of antisemitism across 2024 and 2025, and 57% believe it has become a normal part of Jewish life. More than half reported concern for their personal safety, and 14% say they have made plans to leave the United States because of antisemitism.⁴ The status quo is unacceptable.

We must commit to eradicating antisemitism through a whole of government and society approach. That means prioritizing funds for programs that protect and empower Jewish students at school; deter terror attacks against Jewish synagogues, community organizations, and other centers of life; equip law enforcement to monitor, prevent, and prosecute crimes motivated by antisemitic hatred; and disrupt the global spread of antisemitism.

As such, we urge you to provide robust funding for the **Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR)**, which enforces Title VI protections for Jewish students and faculty. Additionally, we request report language encouraging the Office for Civil Rights to swiftly complete pending investigations, create a uniform reporting system that discloses new and ongoing investigations for transparency, and provide technical assistance to students, faculty, and administrators. We also strongly support funding for America's public schools to teach K-12 students about historic and modern manifestations of antisemitism, the Holocaust, and the positive contributions of Jewish Americans to our nation.

¹ <https://www.adl.org/resources/report/audit-antisemitic-incidents-2024>

² <https://www.ajc.org/AntisemitismReport2025>

³ <https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/explorer/crime/hate-crime>

⁴ <https://www.adl.org/resources/report/portrait-antisemitic-experiences-us-2024-2025>

We also request robust funding for the **Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)**, which offsets the cost of physical security enhancements for religious, educational, and nonprofit community institutions, including Jewish organizations. Synagogues and schools have been targeted with vandalism, destruction, and violent attacks by extremists, including those who hold Jews collectively accountable for Israel's actions. While we appreciate longstanding bipartisan support for this program, we are concerned by reported delays in reimbursements for previously approved NSGP recipients.⁵ We oppose the introduction of arbitrary, politicized changes to the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions that create confusion and ambiguity. Faith-based institutions and community organizations at risk of attack must be able to access security funds without delay.

Furthermore, we request robust funding for **Department of Justice initiatives to combat hate crimes**. These include activities authorized by the *Khalid Jabara & Heather Heyer NO HATE Act* and the *Matthew Shepard & James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act*, as well as the Community Relations Service, and Community Approaches to Advancing Justice Grants. Federal, State, and local law enforcement must be equipped to monitor, prevent, and respond to hate crimes against Jewish Americans.

Finally, we support continued funding for the State Department's efforts to address global antisemitism, including the work of the **Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism** and the **Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues**. The United States must lead by example in standing against hate in all forms.

At this pivotal moment, Congress has a responsibility to act decisively. We urge you to provide the resources needed to protect Jewish communities, strengthen civil rights enforcement, and ensure that hatred and extremism find no safe harbor in our country. We look forward to working with you to demonstrate that Congress is united and unequivocal in its dedication to the fight against antisemitism.

Sincerely,



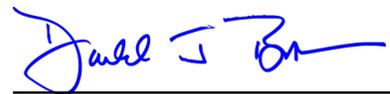
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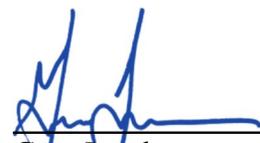
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⁵ <https://jewishinsider.com/2025/07/fema-nonprofit-security-grant-program-funding-2025-applications/>



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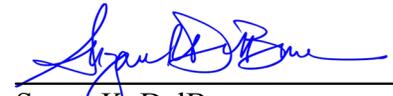
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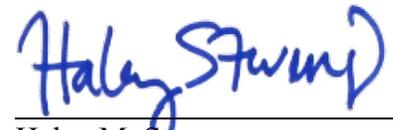
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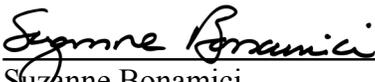
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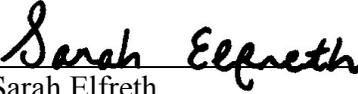
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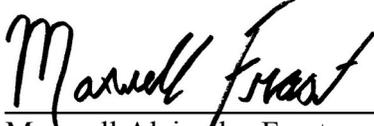
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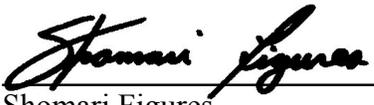

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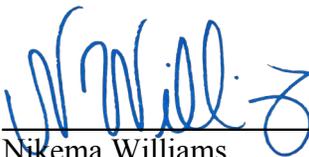

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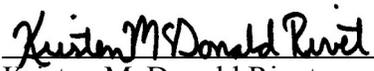

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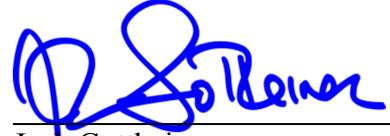

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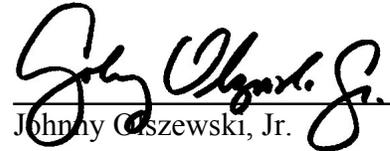
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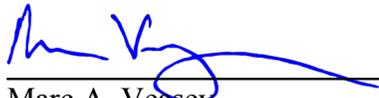
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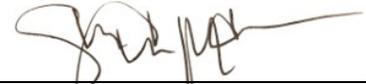
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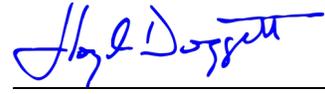
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