

United States Senate

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The Honorable Christopher Coons
Chairman
Subcommittee on State,
Foreign Operations and Related Programs
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on State,
Foreign Operations and Related Programs
Senate Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Coons and Ranking Member Graham:

As you consider the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you provide \$1.5 million for the U.S. State Department's Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism.

Tragically, 77 years after the end of the Holocaust, antisemitism remains a serious and growing danger for Jews in Europe, the Middle East, the United States, and elsewhere in the world. According to a study by the Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry, 2021 witnessed a record-high number of reports of antisemitic activity throughout the world. According to the report, "The data on antisemitic incidents in 2021 from across the Jewish world is discouraging. While the fight against antisemitism was fiercer than ever on different fronts, several of the countries with the largest Jewish minorities in the world witnessed a sharp rise in anti-Jewish attacks compared to 2020."

To combat the rising tide of global antisemitism, the State Department's Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism works to promote accurate Holocaust education, improve the safety and security of at-risk Jewish communities, ensure foreign public officials condemn antisemitic discourse, and strengthen foreign judicial systems in their prosecution of antisemitic incidents. The Special Envoy is responsible for developing and implementing policies and projects to combat global antisemitism by working closely with foreign governments, intergovernmental organizations, and civil society. Additionally, the Special Envoy coordinates and assists in developing the reports on antisemitism within the State Department's annual Human Rights Reports and International Religious Freedom Report.

The *Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act of 2019* (PL 116-326), which passed both the House of Representatives and Senate unanimously and was signed into law on January 13, 2021, elevated the Special Envoy position to the rank of Presidentially-appointed and Senate-confirmed ambassador, reporting directly to the Secretary of State. On March 30, 2022, the United States Senate confirmed Deborah Lipstadt to be the first ever United States Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating Anti-Semitism with the rank of Ambassador. Providing additional funds in FY 2023 will ensure the newly-confirmed ambassador has the resources to implement PL 116-326, fulfill the responsibilities of her elevated role, and continue building on United States leadership in combating antisemitism

internationally. Specifically, these funds would support the Special Envoy's efforts to improve the safety and security of at-risk Jewish communities, combat online radicalization, ensure public officials and faith leaders condemn antisemitic discourse, and strengthen judicial systems in their prosecution of antisemitic incidents.

Thank you for your consideration and prior funding for the Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. The undersigned members strongly urge you to appropriate \$1.5 million for the Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism in the FY 2023 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act.

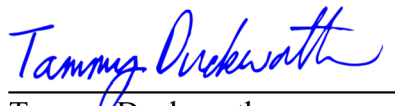
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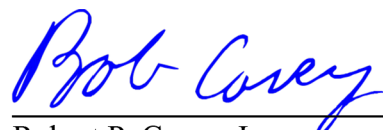
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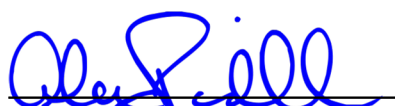
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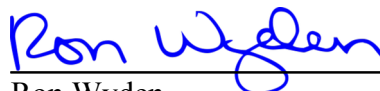
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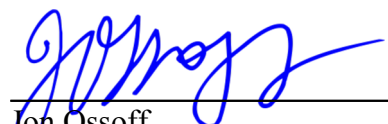
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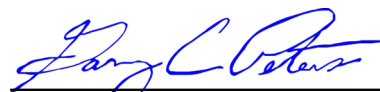
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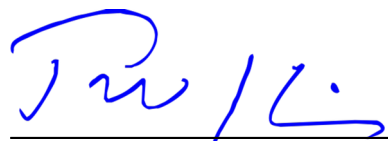
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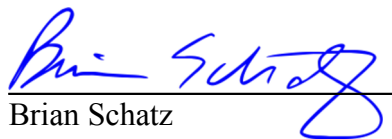
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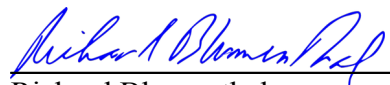


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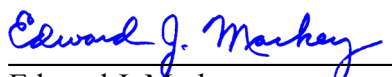

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