

September 17, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500

VIA EMAIL

**Dear President Trump:** 

On behalf of the Jewish Federations of North America, thank you for your ongoing leadership in confronting threats to our nation's security. We are especially grateful for your steadfast support of the Jewish community and your efforts to combat hatred at home and abroad. We deeply appreciate your commitment to defending the American people from foreign threats and to protecting Jewish communities from rising antisemitism, including in the digital spaces where harmful content spreads so rapidly.

We read with great interest your announcement that a potential agreement has been reached with the government of the People's Republic of China regarding the divestment of TikTok to business interests based in the United States. As the details of this deal are finalized, we urge you to ensure that the agreement requires the new owners to take concrete and sufficient steps to purge this powerful social media platform of the pervasive antisemitism which is inciting violence against the Jewish community in America and creating a hostile environment for Jews in schools, in the workplace and in our communities.

It is the promotion of antisemitism on TikTok that caused the Jewish Federations of North America, the largest Jewish philanthropic organization in the United States, to support the passage of the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Application Act. We <u>wrote</u> members of Congress that TikTok's "biased information, flooding onto the phones of Americans, is a major driver of the rise in antisemitism we are experiencing, which is most notable among the demographics that heavily use TikTok."

At that time, data showed that antisemitic comments on TikTok had increased by 912 percent in just one year, and that young people who spent only 30 minutes a day on the app were significantly more likely to adopt antisemitic or anti-Israel views. Still today TikTok's algorithm consistently amplifies hostile content while blocking Jewish voices.

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Phone 212-284-6500 Fax 212-284-6835 JewishFederations.org If anything, the situation has only grown worse since the passage of the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Application Act, as antisemitic incitement and violence continues to rise across our country. The consequences are serious, both for the safety of our community and for the broader health of American civic life.

The potential deal you have negotiated for the sale of TikTok is without doubt the best possible moment to address this issue. We urge you to direct your negotiating team to do so as a high priority. We stand ready to assist in any way that we might be helpful.

Mr. President, the sale of TikTok you have championed is an opportunity not only to protect the national security of the United States but to advance your demonstrated goal of fighting antisemitism and protecting the Jewish community. We know you will seize this historic opportunity.

We are grateful for your attention to this issue and stand ready to work with your Administration to ensure that all the digital spaces where Americans spend their time are safe, secure, and free from hate.

Sincerely,

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