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To the Greater Akron Muslim Community:

I am writing on behalf of the Jewish Community Board of Akron and the Jewish community that we represent.

We are deeply saddened by the appalling attack against the Muslim community in Christchurch, New Zealand. Our community stands with the people of Christchurch, because when one community hurts, we all hurt.

We also send heartfelt condolences to you and the members of our local Muslim community – our neighbors who are hurting from this hateful act.

May those who have been directly impacted by these atrocities find peace and comfort, may the memories of the victims forever be for a blessing, may our collective future be one of peace for all people – of any faith – and may we all strive to treat every person as a creation in G-d's image.

Respectfully,

Todd Polikoff

CEO, Jewish Community Board of Akron