



Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of the Jewish Federations of North America and the 141 Jewish Federations and broader Jewish communities we represent, we write to share our hopes for the success of American-Israeli actions against the Islamic Republic of Iran and to ask for your support for the security of the American Jewish community and other vulnerable communities at this moment of heightened tensions. We salute the heroism of American and Israeli armed forces and pray for their safety even as we mourn the lives lost in this conflict, including at least six American soldiers and at least ten Israelis.

While we recognize that voting is likely to soon take place on War Powers resolutions, we are not writing today in reference to those, particularly as such issues are outside our purview. Instead, we are writing about the unfortunate truth that this conflict is likely to exacerbate the unprecedented levels of antisemitism already seen around the country and heighten the threats to Jewish institutions. We sent out [joint security guidance](#) to all Jewish institutions, and we continue to remain on high alert. We urge Congress to take meaningful steps to address the security threat to the Jewish community, as our CEO Eric Fingerhut laid out in his [State of the Jewish Union](#) last month, including increases for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program and other measures to increase public safety.

For decades, the Iranian regime led by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei wreaked havoc across the Middle East. Through its backing of terrorist proxies like Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, and the Assad regime, Khamenei had the blood of countless innocents on his hands, including hundreds of American servicemembers. Of course, nobody suffered from this regime more than the Iranian people themselves.

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We hope and pray that his death will help usher Iran into a more peaceful future for the sake of the Iranian people and the entire region. The Jewish Federations of North America Government Relations team stands ready to answer any questions you might have about the unprecedented security challenges our community is facing, and we are happy to help you connect with the Jewish community in your district so you can learn directly from them how these events may be impacting your Jewish constituents.

Sincerely,

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