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OF NORTH AMERICA

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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

Thank you for your leadership in prioritizing humanitarian relief to support the people of Ukraine and granting Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Ukrainians currently in the United States. Given the continuing humanitarian emergency and new estimates for Ukrainian refugees reaching three million, the Jewish community and our faith partners across the United States urge you to take immediate steps to help Ukrainian civilians, including by expediting the resettlement of Ukrainians who are already in process to come to the United States thanks to their close family ties here.

The American Jewish community represented by the 146 Jewish Federations and 300 independent communities, including thousands of affiliated agencies and faith partners, has a long refugee history, with many in our community of Ukrainian descent or with close relatives and friends who are directly affected. In addition to our shared values, this history drives our commitment to supporting communities in need and welcoming those fleeing persecution.

When you extended the Lautenberg Amendment, as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, you provided a lifeline for refugees fleeing religious persecution with family ties in the United States. The Lautenberg program is particularly meaningful for the Jewish community as it has helped 400,000 Jews flee the Soviet regime for the safety of the United States. There are currently 17,000 cases representing a variety of faiths in the application pipeline and we urge your administration to permit these individuals to finish their processing in the United States so they can escape the humanitarian crisis and reunite with their families in safety.

We also ask that you admit Ukrainians with pending immigrant visa petitions as refugees, as has been done in the past for Iraqis and Haitians during crises in their communities. This step will allow these Ukrainians to

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reunite with their families in the United States rather than waiting for months, or even longer, overseas. We understand that any expedited processing should follow the appropriate vetting and security protocols.

Our network of social service agencies, houses of worship, and community centers has been supporting refugees for over a century—beginning with Eastern European Jews fleeing the pogroms, and today those seeking refuge in the U.S. from across the globe. Our community stands ready to partner with your administration and work together, with our faith partners, to welcome and support these refugees arriving in the United States.

During this time of crisis, we urge you to take these steps to reunite families without delay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

- The Jewish Federations of North America
- 18Doors
- Ameinu
- A Wider Bridge
- ADL (Anti-Defamation League)
- Agudath Israel of America
- Association of Humanistic Rabbis
- BBYO
- B'nai B'rith International
- Faith in Action
- Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America
- Hazon
- HIAS
- Impact Kingdom Center
- JCC Association of North America
- Jewish Council for Public Affairs
- Jewish Labor Committee
- Jewish Women International
- J Street
- Keshet
- Kyiv Mohyla Foundation of America
- Minyan Oneg Shabbat
- National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry
- National Council of Jewish Women
- Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
- North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)
- Own Your Judaism
- Rabbinic Assembly
- Reconstructing Judaism
- T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
- The Tasman Center for Jewish Creativity
- Union for Reform Judaism
- The Workers Circle
- World Jewish Congress North America



Local Organizations

- Abundance Love Ministries
- Adas Israel Congregation
- Adat Chaverim
- Agudas Achim Congregation
- Ahavat Olam
- Ann and Nate Levine Academy
- Anshai Emeth
- Arizona Faith Network
- The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore
- Bais Abraham Congregation
- Baltimore Jewish Council
- Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation
- Beth El Hebrew Congregation
- Beth Israel Congregation
- Beth Shalom Synagogue
- The Birmingham Jewish Federation
- Bronx House JCC
- Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council
- Camp Solomon Schechter
- Cape Cod Synagogue
- Chabad of South Carolina
- Charleston Jewish Federation
- Chicago Jewish Coalition for Refugees
- Chicago Jewish Labor Committee
- Coastal Roots Farm
- Columbia Jewish Federation
- Columbia/Barnard Hillel
- Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston
- Congregation Ahavas Chesed
- Congregation Ahavath Chesed
- Congregation Anshai Torah
- Congregation B'nai Amoona
- Congregation Beit Simchat Torah
- Congregation Beth Abraham
- Congregation Beth Israel, Houston
- Congregation Beth Shalom
- Congregation B'nai Tzedek
- Congregation B'nai Yisrael
- Congregation Cnesses Israel
- Congregation Dor Tikvah
- Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester
- Congregation Kerem Shalom
- Congregation Kol Chaverim
- Congregation Kol Tikvah
- Congregation Shaare Emeth
- Congregation Shearith Israel
- Council of Jewish Emigre Community Organizations
- David Posnack JCC
- DOROT, Inc.
- The Episcopal Church of Reconciliation
- EquaSion
- Etz Chayim Congregation
- Faith in Action Alabama
- Faith in Action San Diego
- Faith In Florida
- Falmouth Jewish Congregation
- Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service
- Federation for Jewish Philanthropy of Upper Fairfield County
- FIF Miami Chapter
- First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church
- First United Methodist Church of Colleyville
- Florida Memorial University
- GatherDC
- Genetic Literacy Project
- Gesher JDS
- Greater Miami Jewish Federation
- Greensboro Jewish Federation
- Hadassah Chapter of Greater Buffalo
- Hebrew Congregation of St Thomas



- Hebrew Educational Society
- Hebrew Free Burial Association
- Hebrew Free Loan Society
- Henry Kaufmann Campgrounds, Inc.
- Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation
- Hill Havurah
- Hillel at SMU
- Hillel of Buffalo
- Hillels of North Texas
- Hillels of Westchester
- Hindu Temple of St Louis
- Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati USA
- Holocaust Center for Humanity
- Holocaust Documentation and Education Center
- Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio
- Hope Church Sharon
- Hope in Christ Outreach Ministries
- Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council
- The Interfaith Center at Miami University
- Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston
- Interfaith San Antonio Alliance
- Ithaca Area United Jewish Community
- JAFCO FamilyMatters
- JAFCO-Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options
- JCC of Greater Albuquerque
- JCC of Staten Island
- JCC Rockland
- JCFS Chicago
- JCRC of San Francisco
- JCRC of the Jewish Federation of Howard County
- JEVS Human Services
- Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island
- The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services
- JEWISHcolorado
- Jewish Community Alliance of Lancaster
- Jewish Community Alliance of Northeastern Pennsylvania
- Jewish Community Board of Akron
- Jewish Community Center-Federation of San Luis Obispo
- Jewish Community Center of York, PA
- Jewish Community Federation & Endowment Fund
- Jewish Community Federation of Richmond
- Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania
- Jewish Community Relations Committee, Northern New Jersey
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Columbia Jewish Federation
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Columbus
- Jewish Community Relations Council of New York
- Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)/AJC - Detroit
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Charleston
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater New Haven
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Phoenix
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas



- Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern Arizona
- Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis
- Jewish Community Relations Council of The Birmingham Jewish Federation
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio
- Jewish Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater
- Jewish Community Relations of the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley
- Jewish Community Services of South Florida
- Jewish Educational Alliance
- Jewish Family & Career Services of Atlanta
- Jewish Family & Children's Services of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin & Sonoma Counties
- Jewish Family and Children's Service Long Beach
- Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia
- Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis
- Jewish Family and Community Services of Pittsburgh
- Jewish Family Service of Colorado
- Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas
- Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven
- Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans
- Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg
- Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles
- Jewish Family Service of Metrowest, Inc. MA
- Jewish Family Service of MetroWest, NJ
- Jewish Family Service of Nashville and Middle TN
- Jewish Family Service of Seattle
- Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties
- Jewish Family Service of Tidewater
- Jewish Family Services at the Albert & Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center
- Jewish Family Services of Fort Worth and Tarrant County
- Jewish Family Services of Greenwich
- Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley
- Jewish Family Services of Western New York
- Jewish Family Services, Inc.
- Jewish Federation & Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix
- Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee
- Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida
- Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut
- The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey
- Jewish Federation of Brevard County
- Jewish Federation of Broward County
- Jewish Federation of Central New York



- Jewish Federation of Central California
- Jewish Federation of Chicago
- Jewish Federation of Cleveland
- Jewish Federation of Cincinnati
- Jewish Federation of Delaware
- Jewish Federation of Dutchess County
- Jewish Federation of Eastern CT
- Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne
- The Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County
- Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor
- Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta
- Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga
- Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas and its Jewish Community Relations Council
- Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg
- Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford
- Jewish Federation of Greater Houston
- The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
- Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, NJ
- Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven
- Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans
- Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
- Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh
- Jewish Federation of Greater Portland
- Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester
- Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford
- Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
- Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo
- The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington
- Jewish Federation of Howard County
- Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama (JFHNA)
- Jewish Federation of Louisville
- Jewish Federation of Madison
- Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
- Jewish Federation of Omaha
- Jewish Federation of Orange County
- Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
- Jewish Federation of Peoria
- Jewish Federation of Raleigh-Cary
- The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee
- Jewish Federation of San Antonio
- Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties
- Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County
- Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey
- Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL and JCRC
- Jewish Federation of St. Louis
- Jewish Federation of the Desert
- Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys
- Jewish Federation of the Villages & greater Sumter County Inc
- Jewish Federation of Ulster County
- Jewish Long Beach and the Alpert JCC
- Jewish Nevada



- Jewish Silicon Valley
- Jewish Vocational Service of Metrowest
- JewishColumbus
- JF&CS of Greater Boston
- JVS SoCal
- Kempsville Conservative Synagogue
- Kings Bay YM YWHA
- Knoxville Jewish Alliance
- Kol Rinah
- The Legacy Senior Communities
- LEV Children's Museum
- Levite Jewish Community Center
- Ma'yan Tikvah
- The Marion & Aaron Gural JCC
- Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan
- Meals on Wheels South Florida
- Memphis Jewish Federation
- Miami Beach JCC
- Miami Power House Church
- Mid Kansas Jewish Federation Inc
- Milwaukee Jewish Federation
- Minneapolis Jewish Federation
- Minyan Tehillah
- Mission Presbytery
- Mittleman Jewish Community Center
- MMCC (Mosholu Montefiore Community Center)
- Mobile Area Jewish Federation
- Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church
- Mt Vernon M.B. Church
- MyFamilyRabbi.com
- The Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center
- National Council of Jewish Women Arizona
- Neighborhoods United
- Network of Religious Communities
- New Beginnings Christian Church
- New Destiny Family Worship Center
- New Jersey Jewish Labor Committee
- Newton-Brookline Asylum Resettlement Coalition (NBARC)
- New York Jewish Agenda
- North Presbyterian Church
- Ohio Jewish Communities
- Ohr Kodesh Congregation
- Open Dor Foundation, Inc.
- Ovation Communities
- Park Slope Jewish Center
- Pastors For Florida Children
- Pearlstone Center
- Posnack Jewish Day School
- Quis for Life Inc
- Ramat Shalom Synagogue
- Resurrection Catholic Missions of the South, Inc.
- Riverdale YM-YWHA
- Samuel M. & Helene Jewish Community Center
- Savannah Jewish Federation
- Seattle Hebrew Academy
- Selfhelp Community Services
- Shaare Tefila Congregation
- Shaaray Tefila
- Shaare Torah
- Shalom Austin
- Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach, Inc.
- Sid Jacobson JCC
- Sixth Avenue Baptist Church
- St. Anne's Episcopal Church
- St. John Episcopal Church
- St. Joseph University Parish Social Justice Committee
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- St. Paul Jewish Federation
- Stephen Wise Free Synagogue
- Sydenstricker UMC
- Synagogue Emanu-El



- Tampa JCCs and Federation
- Tanger Hillel at Brooklyn College
- Temple B'nai Brith, Somerville
- Temple Bat Yam of East Fort Lauderdale
- Temple Beth Am
- Temple Beth Ami
- Temple Beth El (Odessa, TX)
- Temple Beth El (Tacoma, WA)
- Temple Beth Or
- Temple Beth Orr
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- Temple Beth-El (Hillsborough, NJ)
- Temple Beth Tefilloh
- Temple Emanu-El (Birmingham, AL)
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- Temple Emanuel
- Temple Emanuel of Newton
- Temple Kol Tikvah
- Temple Micah
- Temple Rodef Shalom
- Temple Sinai
- Temple Sinai, Washington, DC
- Temple Shalom
- Temple Shalom of Newton
- Tidewater Jewish Foundation
- Tiferet Israel Congregation
- Tikvat Israel
- Treasure's Bakery
- Tree of Life Congregation
- Tucson Jewish Museum and Holocaust Center
- UJA-Federation of New York
- UJA-JCC Greenwich
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo
- United Hebrew Congregation
- United Hebrew Trades – New York Jewish Labor Committee
- United Jewish Appeal of Wilmington, NC
- United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula
- United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan and Darien
- United Jewish Federation of Tidewater
- Usdan
- VOICE Buffalo
- Washington Hebrew Congregation
- West Loudoun Charge of the United Methodist Church
- Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration
- Westchester Jewish Community Services
- Westchester Jewish Council
- Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice
- Wisconsin Jewish Conference
- WISDOM
- Young Israel of Hollywood - Ft. Lauderdale
- Youngstown Area Jewish Federation
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