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Senate

[Senator Lamar Alexander](#)

[Senator Bob Corker](#)

House of Representatives

[Rep. Marsha Blackburn, District 7](#)

[Rep. Stephen Fincher, District 8](#)

[Rep. Steve Cohen, District 9](#)

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Action Item Synopses and Legislators to Contact

Senate

- Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Roy Blunt (R-MO) have written a letter to John Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security, asking him to include \$50 million for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program in the President's budget request to Congress.

Letter excerpt- *"As you develop President Trump's budget, we would like to request that you increase the amount of money programmed to address the wave of threats to Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) and cultural and religious institutions across the country. Synagogues, mosques and cultural centers are confronted with increasing levels of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, bigotry, and hate, and it is therefore imperative that the amount of funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) be fully funded at \$50 million to meet these increased threats."*

COPY: I am writing to ask you to sign the bipartisan letter by Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Roy Blunt (R-MO) requesting that the Homeland Security Secretary include \$50 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) in the President's budget request to Congress.

On behalf of at-risk nonprofit organizations in our community and throughout the United States, I respectfully request that you support strengthening the NSGP by signing this letter. This issue is particularly important and timely, given the recent spate of anti-Semitic bomb threats, cemetery vandalism, and other incidents throughout the United States.

- Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rob Portman (R-OH) have written a letter to Secretary Kelly expressing their concern over the alarming number of bomb threats targeted at Jewish Community Centers, synagogues, Jewish day schools, and other Jewish institutions, and urging him to take action to address this pressing issue. So far, the letter has been signed by 73 senators, including our own Bob Corker.

Letter excerpt- *"We are concerned that the number of incidents is accelerating and failure to address and deter these threats will place innocent people at risk and threaten the financial*

viability of JCCs, many of which are institutions in their communities. Your Departments can provide crucial assistance by helping JCCs, Jewish Day Schools and Synagogues improve their physical security, deterring threats from being made, and investigating and prosecuting those making these threats or who may seek to act on these threats on the future.”

Urge Senator Alexander to sign

COPY: I am writing to ask you to sign the bipartisan letter by Sens. Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rob Portman (R-OH) urging federal officials to prioritize investigations into recent acts of anti-Semitism reported across the country.

The letter is addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Justice, urging action on a spate of incidents including bomb threats to Jewish community centers and Jewish day schools throughout the country. 73 Senators have already signed on; please add your name!

Thank Senator Corker for signing

COPY: Thank you for signing the bipartisan letter by Sens. Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rob Portman (R-OH) urging federal officials to prioritize investigations into recent acts of anti-Semitism reported across the country.

The safety and security of our nation’s Jewish communities are at risk, and it is urgent that our federal government respond. That’s why your support is so crucial at this time.

Thank you for all that you do.

House of Representatives

- Representatives Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) and Dan Donovan (R-NY) are leading a call to the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee to provide \$25 million for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which will help ensure that nonprofit organizations can make needed security improvements.

Letter excerpt- *“The JCC threats are one appalling illustration of the many credible threats against non-profit institutions across the country and must be taken seriously. With the rise of hate groups in our nation, now more than ever, Congress needs to strengthen the NSGP program.”*

COPY: I am writing to ask you to sign the bipartisan letter by Reps. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) and Daniel Donovan (R-NY) requesting that the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee to provide \$25 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) in the FY 2018 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill.

On behalf of at-risk nonprofit organizations in our community and throughout the United States, I respectfully request that you support strengthening the NSGP by signing this letter. This issue is particularly important and timely, given the recent spate of anti-Semitic bomb threats, cemetery vandalism, and other incidents throughout the United States.

The deadline for signing this letter is March 23, 2017. To add your signature, please contact Dylan Sodaro in Rep. Pascrell, Jr.'s office at Dylan.Sodaro@mail.house.gov or Blaire Bartlett in Rep. Donovan's office at Blair.Bartlett@mail.house.gov.

- Representatives Stephanie Murphy (D-FL) and Joseph Crowley (D-NY) sent a letter to federal law enforcement agencies, asking that they step up to find and bring to justice the perpetrators of the bomb threats and take action to prevent future threats from occurring. The letter was signed by over 150 members of Congress representing both parties, including our own Steve Cohen.

Letter excerpt- *"We write to express our deep concern regarding the recent spate of anonymous bomb threats made via telephone against Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) across the nation. We urge the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice to swiftly assess the situation and to advise Congress on what specific steps are being taken, or will be taken, to deter such threats from being made, to identify and prosecute the perpetrators for violations of federal criminal laws, and to enable JCCs to enhance security measures such as physical barriers and guards, in the event that an individual seeks to act upon these threats."*

Thank Rep. Cohen for signing

COPY: Thank you for signing the bipartisan letter to Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly to urge him to investigate the high number of bomb threats made against Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) in recent months.

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Thank you for all that you do.

- Members of the House of Representatives' Committee on Foreign Affairs have written a letter urging President Trump to prioritize the appointment of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism in the State Department. This is an office that already exists, but is being considered for elimination due to budget cuts, so it is imperative that we show our support. Our own Steve Cohen has already signed the letter.

Letter excerpt- *“As Members of Congress who care deeply about anti-Semitism at home and abroad, we urge you maintain and prioritize the appointment of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism at the U.S. State Department’s Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. During previous Administrations, this office was crucial in documenting human rights abuses against Jewish communities abroad as well as developing and implementing policies designed to combat anti-Semitism.”*

Urge your Representative to sign

COPY: I am writing to ask you to sign the bipartisan letter urging President Trump to prioritize the appointment of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism in the State Department.

Congress mandated the position of special envoy for monitoring and combating anti-Semitism in 2004, with the passage of the Global Anti-Semitism Review Act. The measure directs the State Department to establish the Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, to be headed by the special envoy.

This issue is particularly important and timely, given the recent spate of anti-Semitic bomb threats, cemetery vandalism, and other incidents throughout the United States. That’s why it is so critical that the Office not be removed due to budget cuts at this time.

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