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Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart
Subcommittee on National Security,
State Department, and Related Programs
House Appropriations Committee
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Lois Frankel
Subcommittee on National Security,
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House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Diaz-Balart and Ranking Member Frankel:

As you consider Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations, we respectfully request that you provide \$3 million for the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism and report language to ensure adequate staffing levels to provide continuity and stability for ongoing operations.

Antisemitism remains a pervasive and escalating threat to Jewish communities in the United States and around the world. Although this age-old hatred has been rising for years, it surged dramatically following the Hamas terrorist attacks against Israel on October 7, 2023—and, as events in 2025 make clear, that surge was not a temporary spike, but a catalyst for continued attacks on Jews worldwide. Fear within Jewish communities has become normalized as scenes once thought confined to history books have reemerged.

In 2025, 17 Jews were killed abroad simply for being Jewish. In Australia, two gunmen opened fire at Bondi Beach during a Hanukkah celebration, killing fifteen individuals, including a 10-year-old child, and injuring more than 40 others. In October 2025, on Yom Kippur—the holiest day of the Jewish year—two people were killed when a man drove his car into pedestrians outside of the Heatan Park Hebrew Congregation before attacking others with a knife. In addition to these deadly assaults, there have been thousands of incidents across the globe that have contributed to rising fear within Jewish communities. High school students in Argentina chanted, “today we burn the Jews” on a bus during a graduation trip. In Uruguay, Jewish students were chased home from school and threatened with assault. France's Holocaust Memorial and synagogues have been defaced. A group of Orthodox Jews was attacked in Italy in Milan's Central Train Station while facing shouts of “dirty Jews.” In Lucerne, Switzerland, a group of Jewish students was spat on by a man with a knife who shouted antisemitic slurs.

These physical manifestations of antisemitism are accompanied by a significant increase in antisemitic sentiments globally. The Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) Global 100 survey found that 46 percent of the world's adult population holds deeply entrenched antisemitic beliefs. This amounts to 2.2 billion people, double the percentage reported in ADL's first worldwide survey a decade ago. At this critical moment, when Jewish communities are questioning whether they can live proudly, openly, and safely, American leadership in the global fight against antisemitism is more important than ever.

The Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism plays a vital role in the fight against global antisemitism by developing and implementing policies and efforts focused on preventing discrimination, prejudice, or hatred toward the Jewish community around the world, in accordance with U.S. national interests. The Office advises foreign governments on best practices to ensure the safety and security of their respective Jewish communities, including developing national action plans and appointing national coordinators. The Office has also developed initiatives like the Global Guidelines for Countering Antisemitism, a set of principles that provide a roadmap for responsiveness and accountability. To date, at least 42 countries and international bodies have joined these guidelines due to the Office's leadership.

While we commend the efficient deployment of current staff and resources, as well as the impactful work, it is clear the Office needs more consistent support to fully meet the growing global demand for U.S. engagement. In the United Kingdom, the Community Security Trust documented 3,700 antisemitic incidents in 2025, including 170 assaults and the fatal Manchester synagogue attack. In Australia, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, together with other groups, logged 1,654 antisemitic incidents between October 2024 and September 2025—nearly five times the pre-October 7 annual average. In France, 1,320 antisemitic incidents, including an all-time high of 126 assaults, were recorded by the Protection Service for the Jewish community. These troubling findings underscore the urgent need for continued engagement to address the serious and ongoing challenges that antisemitism presents around the globe.

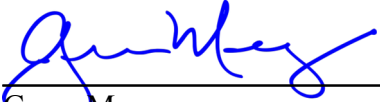
We also draw your attention to one of the ongoing challenges facing the Special Envoy's office: the lack of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff positions. Staff in FTE positions provide continuity of knowledge, stability, and predictability, integral to the continued operation and success of an office or bureau, especially during transitions. Without adequate FTE staff positions in the Special Envoy's Office, critical programs and efforts can risk falling by the wayside, hampering our shared goal of rooting out antisemitism across the globe. Additionally, providing adequate FTE staff positions is more cost-effective than the current overreliance on contractors. Allocating additional FTE staff positions to the Special Envoy's Office would ensure that this critical work to combat antisemitism continues uninterrupted well into the future. Therefore, we request the inclusion of the following report language:

The Committee remains concerned by the lack of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions within the Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism and its impact on the stability and continuity of operations of the Office. Further, the Committee encourages the Department of State to ensure that FTEs hired with this funding are adequately assigned across offices, including the Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, which plays a critical role in ensuring the safety and security of Jewish communities around the world.

To support these important efforts, we urge you to include \$3 million for the Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism and accompanying report language to strengthen staffing within the office. This increase in funding will make clear to the world the United States' steadfast commitment to combating antisemitism by ensuring the Office of the Special Envoy has the capacity to address the sustained prevalence of antisemitism around the globe.

Thank you for your consideration.

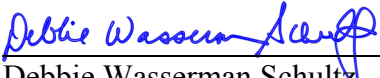
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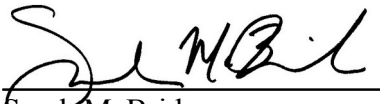
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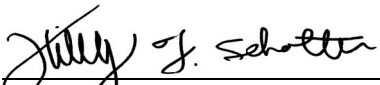
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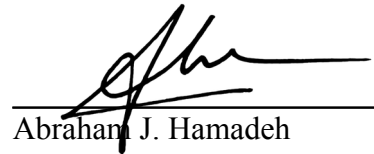
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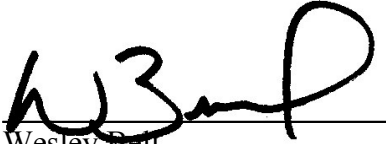
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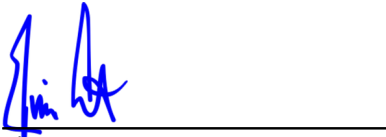
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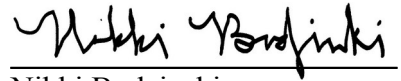
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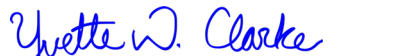
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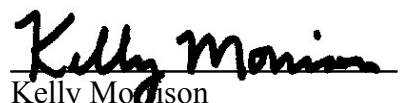
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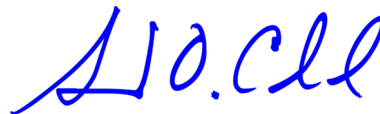
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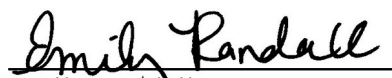
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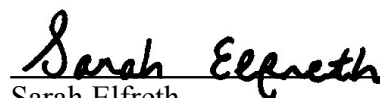
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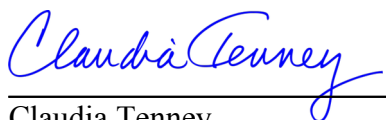
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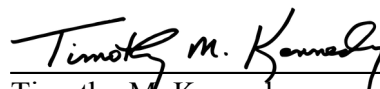
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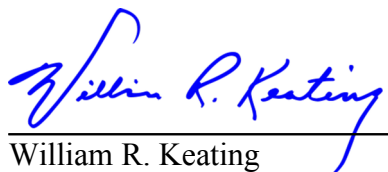
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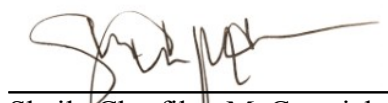
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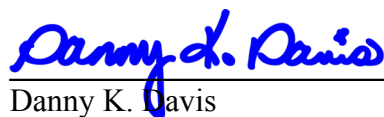
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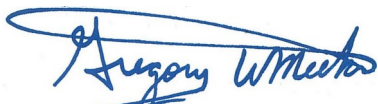
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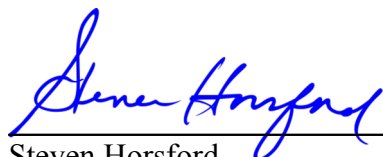
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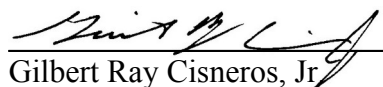
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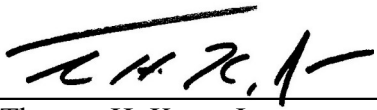
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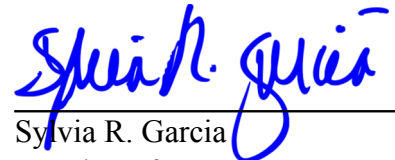
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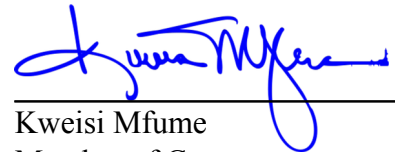
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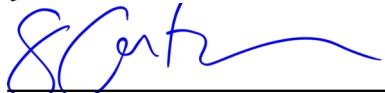
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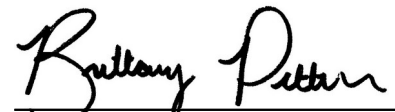
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