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The Honorable Mark Amodei  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Henry Cuellar  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
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Dear Chairman Amodei and Ranking Member Cuellar:

As you begin consideration of the Fiscal Year 2027 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, we urge the committee to include report language that strengthens collaboration between the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), state and local fusion centers, and at-risk institutions of faith and related faith-based organizations.

Across the United States, institutions of faith continue to face persistent and evolving security threats. Houses of worship, religious schools, and community centers serve as central gathering places for millions of Americans, yet these institutions are increasingly targeted by violence and extremist activity. In the past year alone, the nation has witnessed a series of alarming incidents directed at religious communities, including the killing of Israeli Embassy staff outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington D.C., attacks against Jewish community members in Colorado using incendiary devices, shootings targeting churches, acts of arson targeting synagogues, and violence directed at mosques. These incidents illustrate that no single faith community is immune from threat and underscores the urgent need for improved coordination between government partners and religious institutions.

Federal data further confirms the seriousness of the current threat environment. According to the most recent national reporting by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on bias motivated incidents, Jewish Americans remain the most frequently targeted religious group in religion based incidents nationwide. At the same time, other faith communities—including Muslim, Sikh, and Christian communities—also face threats directed at their houses of worship. The Department of Homeland Security's most recent Homeland Threat Assessment similarly warns that the terrorism threat environment in the United States remains high.

In this heightened threat environment, timely information sharing among federal authorities, state and local law enforcement, and community stakeholders is essential to preventing acts of violence before they occur. Fusion centers play a critical role in the nation's homeland security architecture by facilitating the exchange of information among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, and by connecting government agencies with private-sector stakeholders that may face elevated risks.

However, many at-risk faith institutions are not consistently integrated into existing information-sharing partnerships. Strengthening engagement between fusion centers and faith-based organizations would help ensure that relevant threat information reaches the communities most likely to be targeted.

To support this objective, we respectfully urge the inclusion of the following report language in the FY 2027 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill:

**At Risk Institutions of Faith and Related Organizations.**

*The Committee recognizes that enhanced collaboration among Federal Government, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial partners, and private sector partners represents the standard for homeland security information sharing. The Committee remains concerned about persistent and evolving threats targeting at-risk institutions of faith and related faith-based organizations, and notes that such entities are critical constituencies that fusion centers are intended to serve.*

*Therefore, the Committee directs the Office of Intelligence and Analysis to work with fusion centers to ensure that at-risk institutions of faith and related faith-based organizations are appropriately incorporated into existing private sector partnership and information sharing frameworks, as applicable, so that relevant threat information and intelligence are shared to the extent possible.*

*No later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Office of Intelligence and Analysis shall brief the Committees on Homeland Security and Appropriations on actions taken to implement this directive and any barriers to expanded engagement.*

Improving coordination between fusion centers and faith-based institutions will strengthen situational awareness, enhance prevention efforts, and reinforce trusted partnerships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Ensuring that vulnerable institutions receive timely threat information is an important step toward safeguarding Americans' ability to practice their faith freely and safely.

We respectfully urge the Subcommittee to prioritize the inclusion of this report language in the FY 2027 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act. Thank you for your continued leadership and attention to this important issue, and for your ongoing efforts to ensure that communities of faith across the United States remain safe and secure.

Sincerely,



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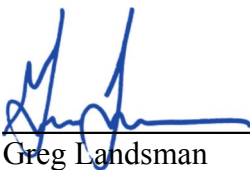
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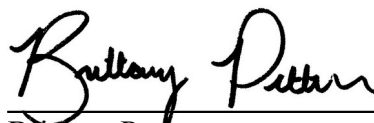
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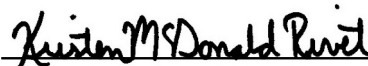
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