

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 13, 2017

The Honorable John F. Kelly
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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The Honorable James B. Comey
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Secretary Kelly, Attorney General Sessions, and Director Comey,

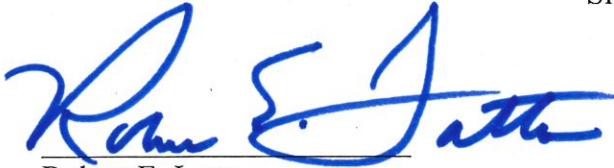
We are once again witnessing history repeat itself as an alarming number of anti-Semitic acts are being perpetrated across the world. While this issue of anti-Semitism is not new to the U.S., the recent upward trend of anti-Semitic acts across communities in Ohio and throughout our country is disturbing, as seen by the recent desecration of Jewish cemeteries and the numerous bomb threats made against Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) nationwide.

In Ohio specifically, several JCCs throughout the state have received bomb threats and additional threats have been made against other Jewish facilities as well, including synagogues. It is fortunate that these threats have thus far only been a hoax and no one was injured. These centers and facilities are home to day cares, schools, medical facilities, and large social gatherings for Jewish people and non-Jewish people alike. Furthermore, Jewish organizations across Ohio have recently experienced a dramatic increase in cyber related attacks to obtain personal contact information believed to be used to target individuals due to their religious affiliation.

It is imperative that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) jointly review these incidents with urgency and work with Jewish organizations, local communities, and state and local law enforcement to put in place measures to help better assess and prevent against these threats. We ask that you please provide us with what specific measures are being taken and how Congress can assist in this matter.

In his recent address to Congress, President Trump stated that “we are a country that stands united in condemning hate and evil in all its forms”. As such, it is important that we ensure the safety and security of all people of all faiths. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and we look forward to your response.

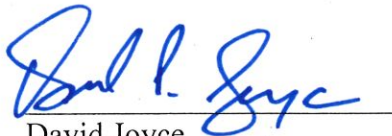
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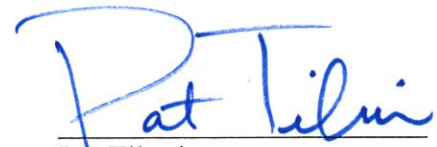
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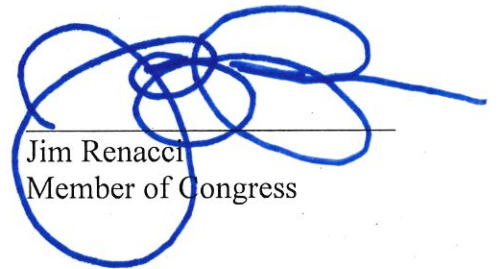
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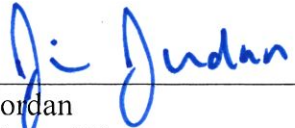
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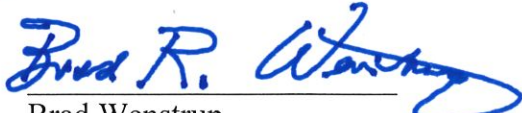



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