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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign
Operations, and Related Programs
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign
Operations, and Related Programs
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member Lowey:

I write to express my strong support for funding the Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor that includes the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. The Special Envoy spearheads US efforts to confront anti-Semitism and violent extremism that has erupted around the world by leading US efforts against anti-Semitism and advising and coordinating with stakeholders such as foreign governments, international bodies, and Jewish community leaders. The Special Envoy is also responsible for monitoring trends in anti-Semitism around the world in order to better understand its causes and the impacts of policies implemented to confront it. I ask that you support the President's Budget request to support this important program.

Recent months have seen an alarming surge of violent anti-Semitism in Europe and around the world including deadly shootings at a kosher supermarket in Paris and at a synagogue in Copenhagen. It is vital that the Special Envoy receives the support necessary to continue to advance US foreign policy on anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism does not only impact Jewish communities – when communities tolerate anti-Semitism it inevitably leads to community destabilization and attacks on other religious and ethnic minorities.

It is imperative that the US be the global leader and prioritize confronting the evils of anti-Semitism. Supporting the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism is vital to US efforts to combat anti-Semitism around the globe.

Sincerely,


Patrick E. Murphy
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