



ANTISEMITISM AND VIOLENT HATRED ON FACEBOOK “NEEDS TO STOP”

TO: Mark Zuckerberg

We, Jewish leaders from across the country, have rallied together because antisemitism, hate, and online disinformation threaten our community and our partner communities. They fly in the face of our Jewish and American ideals. Violent extremists, conspiracy theorists and other bad actors use your platform to sow hate and division, undermine public health and suppress votes.

You preside over one of the most powerful communications systems in human history. You have the ability and the means to reduce the hate and disinformation that tears us apart. Our history is replete with examples of what can happen when we fail to hold leaders accountable for bringing hate into the public square. We demand nothing more than the same accountability that we expect from ourselves, our kids' schools, clergy, elected leaders, media and other business leaders.

We urge you to make common sense changes to your platform to stem the spread of hate and extremism online. Every day you delay, Jews, our partners in other communities and our society pay the price, while you reap the profits. It needs to stop now.

Below are just some of the actions you can and should take immediately:

- Stop being a haven for extremist groups. Remove public and private groups focused on white nationalism and extremism, antisemitism, Holocaust denial and pernicious disinformation.
- Stop playing whack-a-mole. Undertake serious systemic change to better identify antisemitism, Holocaust denial, and other dangerous content so you can truly make a dent in the problem.
- Stop recommending hate to users. Heed your own internal findings that your algorithms, especially the recommendation features, are directly responsible for the growth of extremist groups online.
- Stop spreading disinformation that threatens the health of democracy and people. Remove misinformation and intimidation that threatens our voice as voters, our health and our rights. Every advertiser, every leader must be held to the same standard.

American Jews have stood up for the First Amendment, inclusive democracy and a moral compact against shielding, legitimizing or enabling hate. These values were enshrined in a famous exchange between the first US president and the Jews of Rhode Island in 1790 heralding the new American credo giving “To bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance...” In the spirit of those words, we implore you to live up to that ideal, to protect the safety, dignity and rights of our community and others.

Sincerely,

Jewish Council for Public Affairs

National/International

Agudath Israel of America Ameinu Avodah Aytzim: Ecological Judaism Bend the Arc: Jewish Action B'nai B'rith International Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. HIAS Jewish Labor Committee Jewish Women International (JWI) Jewish World Watch Keshet Moving Traditions National Association of Jewish Legislators Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies Reconstructing Judaism Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association The Shalom Center T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights The Pomegranate Initiative Women's League for Conservative Judaism

Local Agencies

Alabama Jewish Community Relations Council of the Birmingham Jewish Federation

California Anti-Defamation League Orange County/Long Beach Anti-Defamation League Central Pacific Region Congregation B'nai Tzedek, Fountain Valley, CA Jewish Community Relations Council, A Division of the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region Jewish Federation of Central Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys Jewish Long Beach Orange County Jewish Genealogy Society

Colorado Anti-Defamation League Mountain States Region Colorado Jewish Community Relations Council Jewish Community Center of Denver Jewish Family Service of Colorado

Connecticut Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut UJA-JCC Greenwich

Florida Anti-Defamation League Florida Hadassah FAR Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation Jewish Federation of Greater Naples Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service

Georgia Augusta Jewish Federation ADL Southeast Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta

Illinois Anti-Defamation League Midwest Chicago Jewish Community Relations Council Jewish Community Relations Council & Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford

Indiana Jewish Council on Urban Affairs Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

Kansas Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation

Kentucky Jewish Federation of Louisville

Maryland Baltimore Jewish Council

Michigan JCRC/AJC – Detroit Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor

Minnesota Jewish Community Action Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas

Missouri Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis Institute for Holocaust Education

New Jersey Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, NJ Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Mercer Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties Jewish Federations of New Jersey The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey

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Ohio Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Toledo Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Youngstown Area Jewish Federation

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Oregon Jewish Federation of Greater Portland

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Tennessee Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee

Virginia Jewish Community Federation of Richmond Jewish Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater

Washington Anti-Defamation League Pacific Northwest Region Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle

Wisconsin Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation