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Dear Mr. Bezos,

We represent Jewish rabbinic leaders in synagogues, schools and rabbinical seminaries across the United States. We know that you received a recent [letter](#) from members of the House of Representatives regarding the “[hate map](#)” compiled by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), which they characterized as biased against “conservative voices.” We write to highlight the fact that the SPLC “hate map” is uniquely detrimental and even dangerous to the Jewish community, and to urge you directly to terminate the association of your generous AmazonSmile charity-support program with the SPLC and its “hate map.”

As you have already heard, the SPLC “hate map” list evidences an agenda-driven standard for “hate groups” which is unfair, unreasonable, and biased. While the SPLC is careful not to denigrate the Bible or other religious texts directly, it frequently vilifies groups based upon nothing more than their advocacy for biblically based beliefs about sexual and family ethics that were uncontroversial a generation or two ago. Notably, groups which falsely paint others as “homophobic,” “transphobic,” and “bigoted” simply for retaining traditional beliefs are not categorized as hateful by the SPLC.

Of perhaps even greater concern is the SPLC’s inexplicable [omission](#) of groups which ally with international terror organizations, openly glorify murder under the guise of “resistance,” and frequently descend into clearly anti-Semitic expression. The SPLC specifically avoids identifying [radical Islamic groups](#) as the leading source of modern-day anti-Semitic violence, instead identifying anti-Semitism as characteristic of a variety of supremacist and separatist groups that does *not* include radical Islam or Islamic terror organizations.

The SPLC even partners with [the Council on American-Islamic Relations](#), which — according to both the FBI and a Federal Judge —

once [conspired](#) to provide material support to Hamas, an internationally-recognized terrorist group with beliefs rooted in radical Islam and genocidal anti-Semitism written into its charter.

It should come as no surprise that the SPLC falsely stamps numerous groups as “[anti-Muslim](#)” and hateful because they call attention to the dangers of Islamic terrorism — even including those whose founders or family members thereof have been directly victimized by that same Islamic terror. The SPLC paid millions of dollars to settle a [defamation lawsuit](#), after they labeled a reformed Muslim extremist an “anti-Muslim extremist.” It would be comical, were the consequences not so deadly serious.

According to the SPLC, Christians can only [incite hate](#), and Muslims can only be its [victims](#). Yet more Jews have been murdered in the past 50 years due to [radical Islamic terror](#) organizations than all those groups that the SPLC *does* mention — combined. This level of dishonesty directly endangers the Jewish community.

Far from fighting hate, the SPLC has descended into hateful conduct itself. Indeed, the hate map has already been [employed by a domestic terrorist](#) to identify innocents to murder. And its association with AmazonSmile denies needed funding from groups that fight terrorism and the murders that are terror’s primary tactic.

On behalf of the Jewish community and all who share concern for our lives and safety, we urge you to immediately terminate any association between Amazon Smile and the SPLC.

Yours Sincerely,

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