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U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Jamie Raskin
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Dear Chairman Jordan and Ranking Member Raskin:

For decades, the Southern Poverty Law Center has been a leader in the fight against hate and extremism that has plagued our country. Their work calling out extremist groups and fighting against discrimination, and hate has been critical to keeping vulnerable communities safe. This work has been especially important for the Jewish Community. That's why the recent decision to target the SPLC is of particular concern to our community, and why we, as Jewish leaders, write to express our deep concern about the recent attacks on SPLC by the Department of Justice, state Attorneys General and by members of Congress.

As the Jewish Council on Public Affairs recently stated, at a time when antisemitism is on the rise, "SPLC is a valued partner whose work has directly made our communities safer." Just last year, several neo-Nazis and members of the Goyim Defense League infiltrated the Gordon Jewish Community Centers campus in Nashville with the intent of intimidating the Jewish community. The group's mission, according to their founder, includes "expelling" all Jewish and Black people from the United States. The SPLC filed a complaint against leaders of the group for their actions targeting Jews and Blacks. When our community faces heinous acts of intimidation, SPLC has been there to bring legal actions and to join our condemnation.

Over the past decade, SPLC has been a central watchdog, tracking and publicizing the rise of antisemitism in their annual *Year in Hate and Extremism* report. In addition, SPLC has secured legal remedies on behalf of Jewish individuals and communities being targeted by extremists. This includes a \$14 million damage award from a neo-Nazi leader in 2019 after he used his websites, Daily Stormer and Total Fascism, to launch an antisemitic campaign of terror, including death threats and antisemitic slurs, against a Jewish woman and her husband and children.

We cannot be silent as extremism is normalized and as programs that protect our community against hate crimes are weakened or eliminated. When an organization that

exposes hate, tracks white supremacists, and protects vulnerable communities is the one on trial, it becomes clear what the message is.

As documented by FBI reported hate crimes, anti-Jewish violence and intimidation continues to threaten our communities, and the SPLC has been a partner in alerting communities to these dangers and fighting back against the extremists behind this threat.

We stand with the SPLC and its mission and urge our political leaders to cease biased attacks on non-profits and refocus on the real threats to the safety of our community.

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