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Personal Statement of Liora Rez in Support of H.R. 2701, the Fallen Service Members Religious Heritage Restoration Act.

As the Founder and Executive Director of StopAntisemitism, I've spent years working to expose and confront antisemitism in all its forms—online, in our communities, and in our institutions. One of the most insidious forms of antisemitism is erasure: the quiet rewriting of Jewish stories out of the broader American narrative. That's why I strongly support H.R. 2701, the Fallen Service Members Religious Heritage Restoration Act.


This bill addresses a heartbreaking historical oversight: the burial of Jewish American service members under Latin crosses instead of the Star of David in U.S. military cemeteries overseas. These were Jewish patriots who gave their lives for this country, and yet—even in death—their identity was lost or misrepresented.

Operation Benjamin has done incredible work to right these wrongs, one grave at a time. Their efforts are a testament to the power of historical truth and communal memory. But they shouldn't have to do it alone. H.R. 2701 would give the American Battle Monuments Commission the tools it needs to partner with experts and ensure these heroes are properly honored.

At a time when antisemitism is on the rise, this bill sends a powerful message: Jewish lives, stories, and contributions matter. Our government has a responsibility not only to protect its citizens but also to remember them truthfully. Passing this legislation is a small but vital step toward that goal.

I urge Congress to act with urgency and moral clarity by passing H.R. 2701.

Sincerely,



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