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House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We write to request that any final Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations legislation includes a minimum of \$454.5 million for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), equal to the total funding made available in Fiscal Year 2024 through the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 and Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024 that were signed into law.

Since Hamas' appalling attack on October 7, 2023, we have seen an unprecedented rise in Antisemitism and Islamophobia in our country. Our Jewish and Muslim neighbors continue to face threats to their families, communities, and houses of worship.

This is obviously not a new problem. In recent years, there have been reports in North Carolina of antisemitic graffiti, hate speech, and targeted acts involving Antisemitic propaganda. In addition, harassment directed at Muslim individuals and families as well as acts of vandalism at Mosques are increasing.

According to the 2025 Homeland Threat Assessment announced by the Department of Homeland Security, the terrorism threat environment in the United States is expected to remain high this year. Antisemitism and Islamophobia are real, and we must support our Jewish and Muslim neighbors at this difficult time.

We have an obligation to respond to these threats with robust NSGP funding to bolster the security of houses of worship. These religious communities need these resources to make necessary investments to keep their leaders, staff, members and facilities safe. Again, we strongly urge you to include a minimum of \$454.5 million for NSGP in any final FY25 Appropriations legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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