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Dear Attorney General Bondi and Director Patel:

We, the undersigned attorneys general, write to request your assistance in the fight against antisemitic domestic terrorism in the United States. We hope to meet with you personally to discuss ways that the states can support the excellent work of the F.B.I. and partner with the Department of Justice to ensure those who are committing these egregious acts are held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

Like you, we were horrified by the Hamas terrorist attacks against the people of Israel on October 7, 2023, and we are concerned with the increase in antisemitism that has unfolded since that fateful day.¹ Domestic terrorists have become more emboldened to commit horrific crimes against Jews and supporters of Israel since October 7, and our collective response will impact the trajectory of that development.

The murders of two Israeli embassy staff in Washington, D.C., on May 21, 2025, was a sobering reminder of the persistence and growth of antisemitism in the United States.² After the suspect was detained, he reportedly said, "I did it for Palestine. I did it for Gaza."³ Or consider the illegal

¹ Callum Sutherland, TIME, "The Rise of Antisemitism and Political Violence in the U.S.," Jun. 2, 2025 (<https://time.com/7287941/rise-of-antisemitism-political-violence-in-united-states/>)

² Claire Moses, THE NEW YORK TIMES, "What We Know About the Deadly Shooting Outside the Jewish Museum in D.C.," May 22, 2025 (<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/22/us/israeli-embassy-shooting-washington-dc.html>)

³ *Id.*

immigrant who set victims on fire in Boulder, Colorado, on June 1, 2025, while they peacefully rallied on behalf of Israeli hostages still being held by Hamas in Gaza.⁴ The suspect was reportedly heard yelling “Free Palestine” and other anti-Israel slogans during the attack on victims ranging in age from 52 to 88.⁵ One of the burning victims is reportedly a survivor of the Holocaust.⁶ We applaud the F.B.I. for wasting no time in investigating both of these recent incidences of antisemitic domestic terrorism.⁷

Senseless violence and the incitement of such violence is also becoming rampant on college campuses.⁸ Those who revel in the October 7 attacks show public hostility to the point where many Jewish students do not feel safe living everyday lives.⁹ Standing up to antisemitism on college campuses is something the states care about as well.¹⁰

We commend the work of the F.B.I. and the Department of Justice in this space. The F.B.I. and Department of Justice’s creation of the “Joint Task Force October 7” to investigate antisemitism is recent evidence of the Trump Administration’s resolve to be a force for good in the fight against hate-inspired criminal activity.¹¹

As attorneys general in our respective states, we care about protecting our own citizens from violence. And while we work tirelessly to safeguard our communities, we know there is always more work to be done. That’s why we need your help.

President Trump has established a clear mandate for his administration “to combat anti-Semitism vigorously, using all available and appropriate legal tools, to prosecute, remove, or otherwise hold to account the perpetrators of unlawful anti-Semitic harassment and violence.”¹² He has also

⁴ Alexandra Koch and Landon Mion, FOX NEWS, “Suspect in Boulder terror attack determined to be Egyptian man in US illegally: FBI,” Jun. 1, 2025 (<https://www.foxnews.com/us/fbi-investigating-targeted-terror-attack-boulder-colorado-kash-patel-says>)

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Joe Sommerlad, Maroosha Muzaffar, Oliver O’Connell, THE INDEPENDENT, “Boulder terror attack latest: Man charged with murder after pro-Israel rally in Colorado firebombed,” Jun. 2, 2025 (<https://www.the-independent.com/news/world/americas/crime/boulder-terror-attack-live-updates-colorado-mohamed-soliman-b2761887.html>)

⁷ *See supra*, THE NEW YORK TIMES; *see also supra*, FOX NEWS

⁸ Nicquel Terry Ellis, CNN, “Antisemitic incidents, partly fueled by campus protests, reached record-breaking high in 2024, according to the ADL,” Apr. 22, 2025 (<https://www.cnn.com/2025/04/22/us/antisemitic-cases-2024-campus-protests>)

⁹ HILLEL INTERNATIONAL, “Majority of Jewish College Students Say They Feel Less Safe Due to Encampments; 61% Report Antisemitism During Campus Protests,” May 13, 2024 (<https://www.hillel.org/majority-of-jewish-college-students-say-they-feel-less-safe-due-to-encampments-61-report-antisemitism-during-campus-protests/>)

¹⁰ *See, e.g.*, Letter from 25 State Attorneys General to Columbia University, Oct. 23, 2024 (<https://www.scag.gov/media/jdylhrvu/25-states-letter-to-columbia-univ-10-23-2024-signed.pdf>)

¹¹ April Rubin, AXIOS, “Justice Department, FBI launch task force to investigate Oct. 7 attack on Israel,” Mar. 17, 2025 (<https://www.axios.com/2025/03/17/justice-department-fbi-october-7-task-force-bondi-patel>)

¹² Executive Order 14188, “Additional Measures to Combat Anti-Semitism,” Jan. 29, 2025 (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-02-03/pdf/2025-02230.pdf>)

sought to empower state and local law enforcement by instructing “appropriate heads of executive departments” to “take all appropriate action to maximize the use of Federal resources” to increase the “collection, distribution, and uniformity of crime data across jurisdictions.”¹³ After all, “preparedness is most effectively owned and managed at the State, local, and even individual levels, supported by a competent, accessible, and efficient Federal Government.”¹⁴

As our states’ chief legal officers, we see firsthand how effective use of investigative tools aids in the prosecution and prevention of criminal activity. And we want to work with the F.B.I. and the Department of Justice to be part of the solution to the growing wave of antisemitic domestic terrorism. That’s why we write to encourage further cooperation between federal law enforcement and the states, and for a chance to discuss what such a partnership could look like.

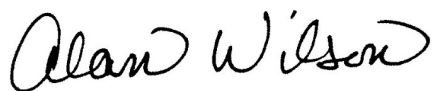
For example, the tips and leads amassed by the F.B.I. could be shared with state and local law enforcement to stop domestic terrorism in its tracks. The F.B.I. is world-renowned for its investigative expertise, and the states appreciate the F.B.I.’s current efforts to disseminate threat intelligence to state and local law enforcement. At the same time, increased partnership between state, local, and federal law enforcement to share intelligence on antisemitic threats could help stem the tide of domestic terrorism.

We would welcome the chance to meet with you in the coming weeks to discuss a potential partnership between the F.B.I., the Department of Justice, and the states. Together, we can create a game plan to root out antisemitic domestic terrorism.

[Signatures on following pages]

¹³ Executive Order 14288, “Strengthening and Unleashing America’s Law Enforcement To Pursue Criminals and Protect Innocent Citizens,” Apr. 28, 2025 (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-05-02/pdf/2025-07790.pdf>)

¹⁴ Executive Order 14239, “Achieving Efficiency Through State and Local Preparedness,” Mar. 18, 2025 (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-03-21/pdf/2025-04973.pdf>)



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