

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and
Related Agencies
House Appropriation Committee
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and
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Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree:

We write to urge the Subcommittee to provide the highest possible funding for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in FY 2024 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill to study the state of Holocaust education nationwide.

Holocaust education is a critical tool to teach students the dangers of bias and hate and fight back against antisemitism. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum serves as a vital resource for teaching the lessons of the Holocaust, preserving its memory, and inspiring citizens and leaders worldwide to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity.

Antisemitism and hate continue to be on the rise in the United States. More than 2,700 incidents throughout the U.S. were recorded in 2021, the highest number since 1979.


In our country, there are major differences in how the Holocaust is taught, including the curriculum and resources available to educators. To address these discrepancies and improve Holocaust education, it is important to gather accurate data and understand the existing programs and resources, enabling policymakers to make informed decisions and promote a more consistent and accurate understanding of the Holocaust.

As Congress works to address this issue, I ask that you invest in the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, so it can continue its work. Strong support for the Holocaust education is necessary to help shed light, provide clarity, preserve the memory of the Holocaust, and teach the lessons learned to the younger generations.

We are grateful for your support in FY 2023, and we urge the Committee to provide the highest possible funding for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for Holocaust education in FY 2024.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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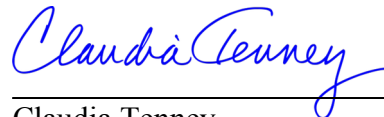
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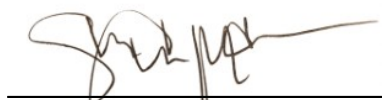
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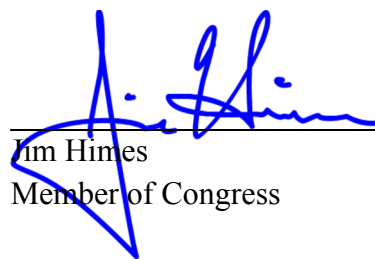
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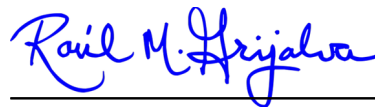
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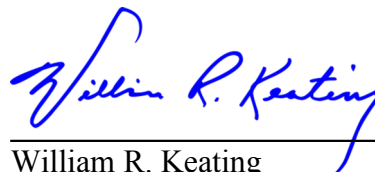
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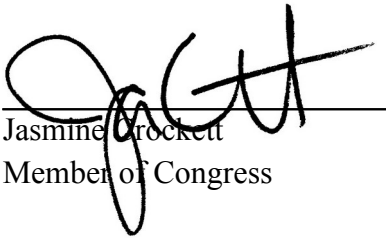
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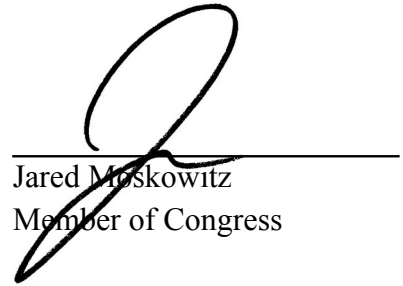
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