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Dear Mr. Zuckerberg, Mr. Chew, and Ms. Yaccarino:

We write to express grave concern regarding disturbing and inflammatory content circulating on your platforms in support of violence and terrorism. Following the tragic hate-motivated murder of a young couple outside of the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., and a violent antisemitic attack against Jewish community members in Boulder, Colorado, comments such as “what goes around comes around,” “long live the intifada,” and “resistance” are regularly appearing in posts and the comments sections across your platforms.¹ This content is effectively glorifying, justifying, and inciting future violence, mirroring the surge in hateful rhetoric and open calls to violence and support of terrorism observed after the October 7, 2023, and the ensuing Israel-Hamas conflict.² We strongly urge Meta, TikTok, and X to take decisive and transparent steps to curb these dangerous trends and protect all users from the effects of hate and incitement to violence online.

For far too long, social media platforms have allowed harmful messages, hashtags, and conspiracy theories to fester and proliferate online, targeting different communities.³ Following Meta’s decision earlier this year to roll back its trust and safety policies, one estimate noted this could lead to individuals encountering at least 277 million more instances of hate speech and other harmful content each year on its platforms.⁴ Since these changes, on Facebook alone, Jewish Members of Congress have experienced a fivefold increase of antisemitic harassment on the platform.⁵ As the popularity of TikTok increased between 2021 and 2023, the share of adults

¹ <https://cyberwell.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/CyberWell-DC-Shooting-Alert-General-27.5.2025.pdf>

² <https://cyberwell.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/CyberWell-Report-Evolution-of-Online-Antisemitism-Pre-and-Post-Oct-7.pdf>

³ <https://www.adl.org/resources/report/online-hate-and-harassment-american-experience-2024>

⁴ <https://counterhate.com/research/more-transparency-and-less-spin/>

⁵ <https://www.adl.org/resources/article/metahate-policy-rollback-linked-increased-antisemitism>

who were harassed on the platform rose from 5% to 19%.⁶ Hate speech on X has skyrocketed over 50% since October 2022 and antisemitic content on social media, including calls to violence nearly doubled following the October 7 attacks.^{7 8} Failing to meaningfully curb hate speech, including antisemitic mis- and disinformation, and allowing antisemitic incitement to violence has real-world impacts, as unfortunately was the case in Washington, D.C. on May 21, 2025.⁹¹⁰

In the aftermath of this horrific attack, we have already seen what appears to be a skyrocketing number of antisemitic conspiracy theories accusing the attack of being a “false flag” operation — an abhorrent narrative scapegoating Jews for being targeted by acts of hatred and terrorism, falsely claiming the attack was staged by Israel or the Jewish community for sympathy or to entangle the United States in Middle Eastern conflicts.¹¹

Additionally, the alleged perpetrator of the recent attack is being characterized as a “hero” by some users, who are glorifying his actions.¹² Such content is deeply troubling and dangerous and these unfounded and hateful accusations further fuel antisemitism, jeopardize public safety, and create a real risk of further acts of violence.

In light of these developments, we urgently seek clarity on what actions Meta, TikTok, and X are taking to enforce and strengthen your existing anti-terrorism and incitement to violence policies to meet this moment. Specifically:

1. How are you addressing coded language and euphemisms that praise and encourage division, incite violence, and support terrorism?
 - a. What enforcement policies do you have in place regarding content of this nature?
 - i. Please provide information on how these policies have been enforced and statistics on the amount of content that has been actioned for violating these policies.
 - b. How are these policies being applied to the comments section of your platform, if at all?
2. Can you explain why certain content is allowed to stay on the platform when there are clear links to inciting real world violence?

⁶ <https://www.adl.org/resources/report/online-hate-and-harassment-american-experience-2023>

⁷ <https://news.berkeley.edu/2025/02/13/study-finds-persistent-spike-in-hate-speech-on-x/>

⁸ <https://cyberwell.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/CyberWell-Israel-Hamas-War-Final-Report-2023.pdf>

⁹ <https://cyberwell.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/CyberWell-Report-Evolution-of-Online-Antisemitism-Pre-and-Post-Oct-7.pdf>

¹⁰ <https://www.adl.org/resources/article/latest-attack-jewish-community-suspect-museum-shooting-posted-manifesto-calling>

¹¹ <https://www.adl.org/resources/article/extremists-and-conspiracy-theorists-deny-capital-jewish-museum-shooting-false>


¹² <https://www.adl.org/resources/article/swaths-anti-zionist-movement-legitimize-killings-israeli-embassy-staff-dc-jewish>

3. What measures are in place or planned to reinforce your Dangerous Organizations and Individuals (DOI) (anti-terror) policies to prevent your platforms from being used as tools for hate-fueled violence and terrorism?
4. How are you monitoring and mitigating the spread of harmful content and conspiracy theories that incite hatred and violence?
 - a. How have these resources been applied to effectively detect and remove pro-terror content in multiple languages?

This is not merely a matter of policy enforcement but one of public safety and national security. We regard the unchecked spread of pro-terror content, extremist symbolism, and incitement to violence as a direct threat to U.S. national security and public safety. The murders of Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky are a stark and tragic reminder of the urgent need for reforms to ensure that any form of support for terrorism and incitement to violence are effectively identified and removed from your platforms without hesitation. It is critical that social media companies do not allow coded praise of violence or hate speech to flourish unchecked, as this only encourages others to engage in similar acts.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter and we look forward to your timely and individual responses.

Sincerely,



Wesley Bell
Member of Congress



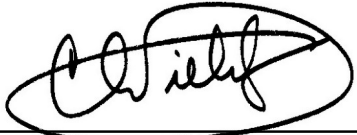
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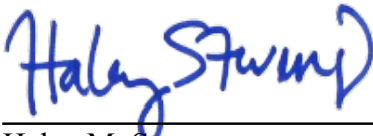
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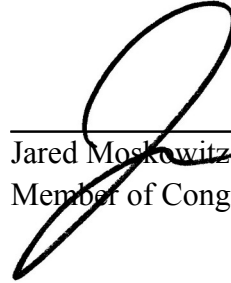
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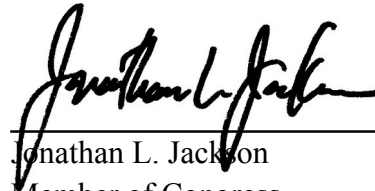
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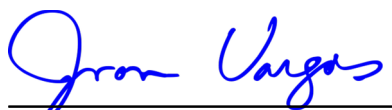
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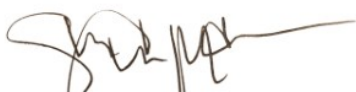
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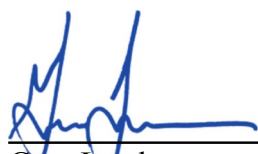
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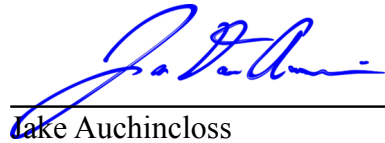
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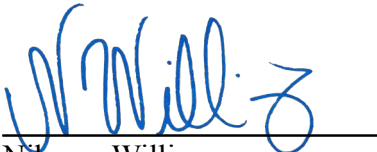
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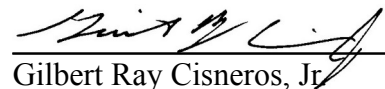
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