

President Donald Trump
The White House
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

Since 2017 began, there have been five waves of bomb threats called in to Jewish Community Centers (JCC) across the country. Some 60 JCCs and Jewish schools have received over 70 bomb threats since the beginning of January, forcing the evacuation of hundreds from the buildings. Jewish cemeteries have been desecrated, with hundreds of headstones knocked over. All Americans deserve peace, both in life and in death.

As a Jew, I no longer feel safe in this country. As a veteran, this is not the America I fought for.

I urge you to condemn the disturbing increase in violence and xenophobia in this country, targeted at both Jews and other minorities. Anti-Semitism has been steadily on the rise, with hate crimes appearing across the country. A clear message must be sent that this behavior will not be tolerated in our country.

Regardless of political leanings, the rise of anti-Semitism on a national level is a concerning and bipartisan issue. It is indicative of a much larger increase in hatred within our nation, and is dividing us rather than uniting us. As President George Washington wrote to the Jewish community of Rhode Island in 1790, government "gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

Please, Mr. President. Use your influence and your voice to denounce hatred and anti-Semitism.

Sincerely,