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Hon. John Thune, Majority Leader  
Hon. Chuck Schumer, Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Senator Schumer:

We the undersigned major national Jewish organizations urge you to swiftly fill the positions of U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism (SEAS) and U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom (IRF) by expediting consideration of the current nominees. Filling these positions is a high priority for our organizations and of utmost importance in fighting growing antisemitism and ensuring freedom of religion or belief worldwide.

We believe that these ambassador-at-large positions are crucial to protecting vital human rights, promoting religious freedom, and vigorously confronting the global surge in antisemitism.

Since the Hamas terrorist attacks on October 7, 2023, antisemitism has escalated at an alarming rate. A report by the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel called 2024 a "peak year" for antisemitism, with antisemitic incidents nearly doubling year over year and increasing by 340 percent worldwide compared to 2022.

We dare not delay in filling these critical positions that protect human rights around the world. To that end we strongly urge you to prioritize filling these positions, sending a powerful signal to governments around the world that the United States upholds our constitutionally guaranteed rights to life and liberty, to freedom of religion and belief, and calls on them to do the same.

Very respectfully yours,

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