

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 5, 2026

The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20032

Dear Secretary Noem:

First, thank you for your ongoing support for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), which provides critical grants for the protection of a diverse range of faith-based and community organizations – including Jewish institutions and many others – facing a troubling rise in targeted violence, antisemitism, and religious animosity. As representatives of communities that include vibrant Jewish institutions, we appreciate how important these grants are to ensuring that Jewish institutions and other high-risk nonprofits, and the people they serve, are safe and secure.

We are writing to you today to express our desire to ensure that the NSGP is adequately funded and unimpeded by new requirements that are unrelated to the security of grant recipients and their communities. Insufficient funding or unnecessary obstacles to obtaining grants could undermine the right of every religious community to freely and peacefully worship and congregate without fear.

As currently drafted, the Standard Terms and Conditions promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on April 18, 2025, create new compliance requirements for recipients that will divert limited funds and restrict the religious conscience of synagogues, schools, and other institutions pivotal to our communities. We urge you to issue new guidance that provides clarity and waives any terms and conditions that do not directly relate to the grant's purpose, which is to help qualified institutions improve their security against increasing threats.

NSGP funds help synagogues, churches, and faith-based community centers to protect congregants, employees, and community members against threats by supporting safety measures such as cameras and other technology and infrastructure to harden facility security. Federal support for these investments through NSGP has saved lives and helped communities become more secure at a time of increasing violence and hatred. That is why there has been longstanding bipartisan support for a streamlined, effective program with minimal red tape and compliance requirements.

We encourage DHS to work to make compliance with NSGP requirements as simple and streamlined as possible. We also request that DHS ensures NSGP remains a program designed to protect the security of houses of worship, not to reinforce other policy priorities. In this time of rising antisemitic terror attacks and violence against diverse faith-based institutions, we believe it

is crucial that NSGP remains a critical resource for all who seek to worship in safety and free from partisan politicization.

We urge you to clarify the new requirements promulgated on April 18, 2025, so the standard operations and public services of religious institutions are not inadvertently prohibited though the acceptance of an NSGP award.

Sincerely,



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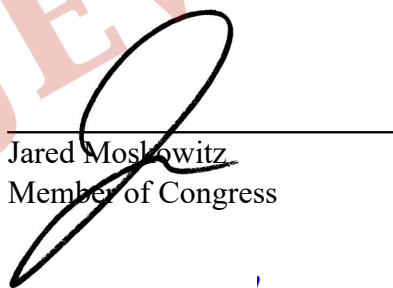
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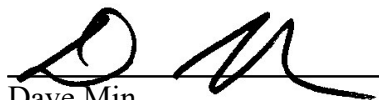
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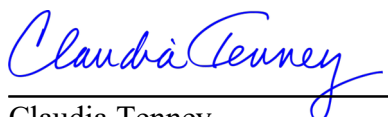
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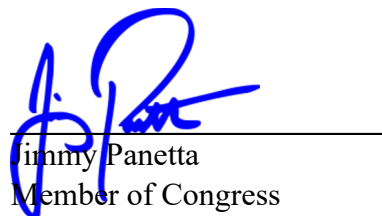
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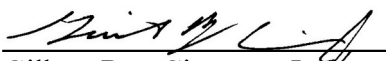
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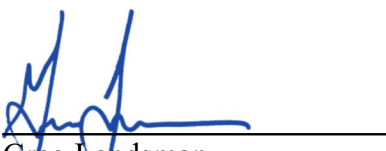


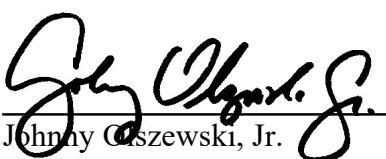
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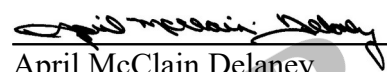
  
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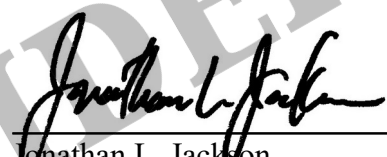
  
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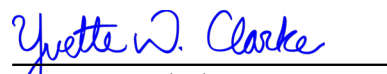
  
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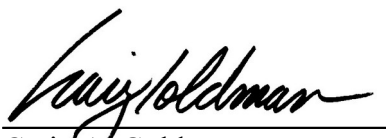
  
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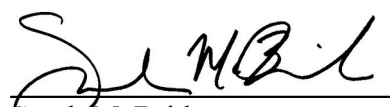
  
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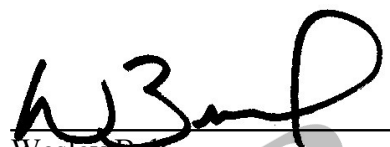
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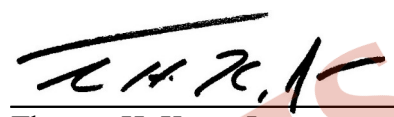
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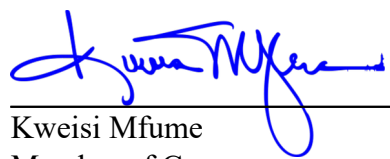
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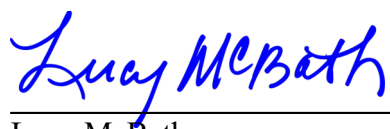
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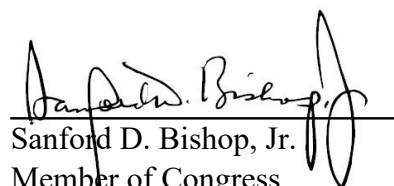
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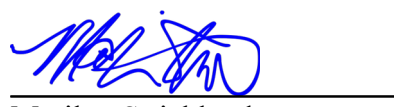
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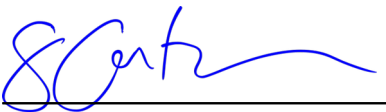
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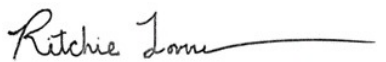
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