

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

March 20, 2026

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The Honorable Mark Amodei  
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The Honorable Henry Cuellar  
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Dear Chair Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Amodei, and Ranking Member Cuellar:

Thank you for your strong support for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). As the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY2027) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appropriations bill is drafted, we respectfully ask that \$1 billion in funding be allocated to NSGP. The program provides critical security resources to at-risk faith-based and nonprofit institutions located in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

The NSGP is used by at-risk faith-based and nonprofit institutions to provide funding for physical security enhancements as well as emergency preparedness training. The NSGP also works to enhance the engagement and cooperation between community groups, state and local homeland security organizations, and emergency management agencies to be better prepared for, prevent, and respond to acts of terrorism or other extremist attacks. This preparation and investment is critical to our national security and part of DHS' comprehensive measures to strengthen the safety of our communities.

The threat of violence is unfortunately increasing at places of worship across our country at alarming rates. There has been an increase in hoax bomb and active shooter threats against houses of worship to interrupt services and intimidate the worshippers. There has also been an increase in antisemitic incidents across the country following the October 7<sup>th</sup> attack in Israel. In 2025, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Audit of Antisemitic Incidents recorded nearly 10,000 antisemitic incidents in the United States, an over 893 percent increase over the past decade and the highest number recorded in a single year since ADL started tracking antisemitic incidents in

1979.<sup>1</sup> A recent study by ADL and the Jewish Federation of North America also found that 55% of all Jewish Americans experienced some form of antisemitism in the last year.<sup>2</sup>

Nationwide, there have been countless acts of violence against religious communities, including these specific incidents that underscore the importance and complexity of protecting our religious communities from violence and extremism:

- On May 21, 2025, two Israeli Embassy staffers were shot and killed outside the Capitol Jewish Museum in Washington, District of Columbia.<sup>3</sup>
- On June 1, 2025, Jewish community members in Boulder, Colorado, who were walking in solidarity with the 10/7 hostages, were attacked with Molotov cocktails and a makeshift flamethrower, injuring 12 people, one of whom later succumbed to her injuries and died.<sup>4</sup>
- On June 22, 2025, a man opened fire outside of Crosspointe Community Church in Wayne, Michigan.<sup>5</sup>
- On August 27, 2025, a man opened fire on the first day of school during a primary school Mass at the Church of the Annunciation in Minneapolis, Minnesota killing two children and injuring 30 others.<sup>6</sup>
- On September 29, 2025, a man drove a car into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc Township, Michigan, set fire to the building, and shot congregants, killing four people and injuring eight others.<sup>7</sup>
- On December 25, 2025, FBI agents disrupted a plot by a Florida man who scouted a nonprofit office with plans to return armed and target employees before Hanukkah.<sup>8</sup>
- On January 10, 2026, an arsonist set fire to Beth Israel Congregation in Jackson, Mississippi.<sup>9</sup>
- On January 28, 2026, the New York Police Department arrested a man for deliberately ramming his car into the Chabad-Lubavitch World Headquarters in Brooklyn, New York.<sup>10</sup>
- On February 20, 2026, a Minneapolis man was sentenced to seventy months in prison for setting fires at two Minnesota mosques.<sup>11</sup>

These events highlight the ever-increasing need for the NSGP. Unfortunately, it is easy to see that the need for the NSGP is quickly outpacing the funding. In Fiscal Year 2024 (FY2024), FEMA

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.adl.org/resources/press-release/over-10000-antisemitic-incidents-recorded-us-oct-7-2023-according-adl>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.jewishfederations.org/blog/all/federations-adl-study-over-50-of-american-jews-faced-antisemitism-in-2024-502506#:~:text=Blog-.Federations%2DADL%20Study:%20Over%2050%25%20of%20American%20Jews%20Faced,purchasing%20guns%20\(9%20percent\).](https://www.jewishfederations.org/blog/all/federations-adl-study-over-50-of-american-jews-faced-antisemitism-in-2024-502506#:~:text=Blog-.Federations%2DADL%20Study:%20Over%2050%25%20of%20American%20Jews%20Faced,purchasing%20guns%20(9%20percent).)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.npr.org/2025/05/22/nx-s1-5407288/dc-shooting-israel-embassy-staffers-killed>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/us/live-news/boulder-colorado-antisemitic-attack-06-01-25>

<sup>5</sup> <https://apnews.com/article/wayne-michigan-church-shooting-e207650364395f08c1a31937c4240331>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/shooter-kills-two-minneapolis-school-children-catholic-church-wounds-17-others-2025-08-28/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/29/us/michigan-mormon-church-shooting-fire.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/fbi-alleged-plot-aipac/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://jewishinsider.com/2026/01/jackson-mississippi-synagogue-arson-attack/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/29/us/chabad-lubavitch-headquarters-car-ramming-hnk>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/arsonist-who-set-fire-two-minnesota-mosques-sentenced-seventy-months-federal-prison-0>

received 7,584 grant applications for the NSGP, over 2,300 more than the previous year. These applicants requested \$978 million in federal funding, while NSGP received \$274.5 million in annual FY24 appropriations. Even with the additional NSGP funding provided by the National Security Supplemental Act for FY2024, FEMA could only fund 43 percent of all grant applicants. This left more than half of the applicants without the funding they needed to provide security to their at-risk institution.<sup>12</sup> In Fiscal Year 2025, the NSGP received \$274.5 million, but that funding has not been distributed yet due to delays at FEMA.<sup>13</sup>

Today's threat environment provides a compelling public interest in preventing attacks that would disrupt the vital health, human, social, cultural, religious, and other humanitarian services provided by at-risk faith-based and nonprofit institutions. Such threats terrorize the lives and well-being of millions of Americans who operate, utilize, live, and work in their communities. Accordingly, we respectfully urge you to strengthen the NSGP by properly funding the program at \$1 billion in FY2027, and we remain sincerely grateful for your past support of this critical program.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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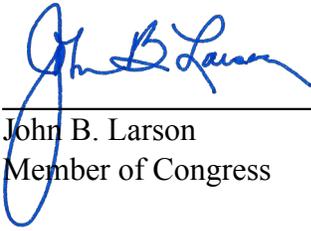
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<sup>12</sup> <https://jewishinsider.com/2024/08/under-half-of-nonprofit-security-grant-applications-funded-in-2024-despite-additional-funding/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://jewishinsider.com/2026/01/congress-nonprofit-security-grant-program-2026-jewish-leaders/>



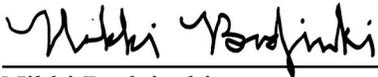
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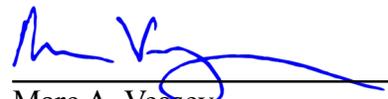
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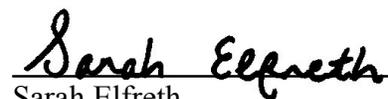
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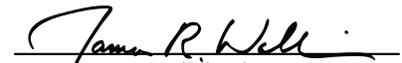


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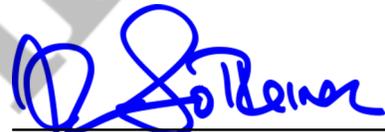
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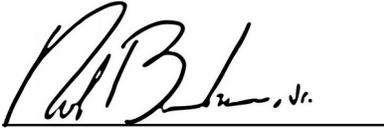
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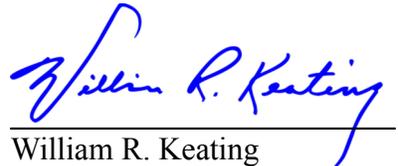
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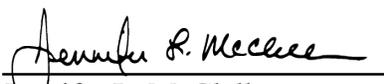
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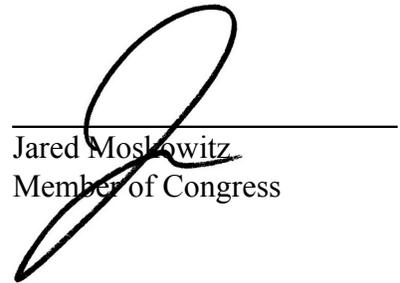
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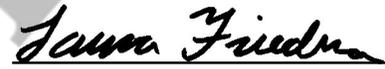
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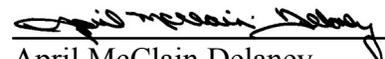
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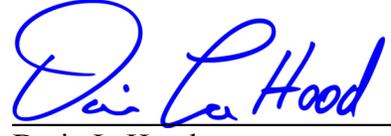
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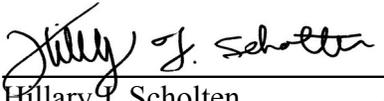
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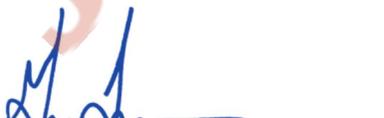
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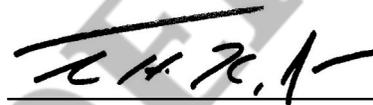
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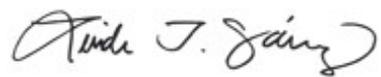
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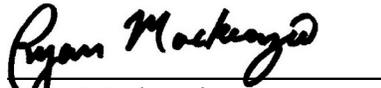
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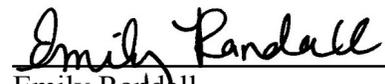
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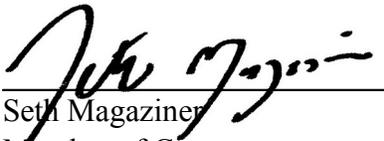
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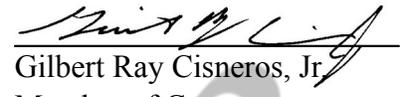


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