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The Honorable Virginia Foxx
Chairwoman
House Committee on Rules
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim McGovern
Ranking Member
House Committee on Rules
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Foxx and Ranking Member McGovern,

Since 1913, the mission of ADL (Anti-Defamation League) has been to “stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all.” ADL is dedicated to combating antisemitism, extremism, and hate in all forms across the ideological spectrum. For decades, ADL has fought against antisemitism by monitoring and exposing extremist groups and movements that spread hate and commit acts of violence.

Rising [antisemitism](#), hate and extremism threaten the safety of all communities and institutions – and our military is no exception. Amid this growing threat, ADL has [documented](#) attempted recruitment from and the targeting of government institutions such as the military. This puts our military and civilians in danger.

Instances of antisemitism within the military are not representative of most military personnel who are committed to upholding the values of their respective services and their oath to the Constitution. But even a small number of extremists in the ranks cause harm far disproportionate to their number.

Unchecked extremism and antisemitism within the military has repeatedly [been shown to cause serious problems](#): physical harm to servicemembers and civilians, security breaches, and damage to morale, unit cohesion, personnel retention, recruiting efforts, and mission success. There have been [arrests](#) in recent years of members of the military for crimes tied to a range of extremist ideologies, from Islamist extremism to white supremacy to anti-government militia groups.

To help protect our military and our country from antisemitism and violent extremism, we write to urge the House Committee on Rules to make in order the following amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2027:

Protect Against Antisemitism and Extremism

- **#360, Sponsored by Reps. Gottheimer (D-NJ), Lawler (R-NY):** Requires the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to report on the nature and disposition of the past six years of substantiated investigations into antisemitism within the Equal Opportunity Program.

- **#359, Sponsored by Reps. Gottheimer (D-NJ), Lawler (R-NY):** Directs the Secretary of Defense to ensure the Defense Organizational Climate Survey includes specific questions assessing the prevalence, nature, and impact of antisemitism within the military service academies.
- **#194, Sponsored by Rep. Keating (D-MA):** Requires the Secretary of State to release a public version of the strategy to address white identity terrorism as required by the FY21 NDAA. Then, on a yearly basis for 10 years, requires the Secretary of State to submit a report on the progress of implementing this strategy.
- **#369, Sponsored by Reps. Gottheimer (D-NJ), Tenney (R-NY):** Directs an intelligence community assessment of the extent to which Iran, Russia, and China are financing, coordinating, or amplifying antisemitic activity inside the United States, online and in physical domains.
- **#105, Sponsored by Rep. Houlihan (D-PA):** Ensures a policy of religious neutrality at DoD.
- **#373, Sponsored by Reps. Gottheimer (D-NJ) and Lawler (R-NY):** Establishes a joint DoD-DHS pilot program to work with the automotive rental industry to improve suspicious activity reporting standards, threat assessments, and watch list procedures to prevent terrorist attacks involving rental vehicles, and requires periodic reports to Congress on the program's results.
- **#921, Sponsored by Reps. Baumgartner (R-WA), Gottheimer (D-NJ), Tenney (R-NY), Davis (D-NC), Walberg (R-MI), Wilson (R-SC):** Reduces the foreign gift reporting threshold for colleges and universities from \$250,000 down to \$50,000, with an even stricter \$0 threshold for countries of concern, closes reporting loopholes and provides transparency to Congress, intelligence agencies, and the public. Requires disclosure of foreign gifts to individual staff and faculty at research-heavy institutions and implements a series of repercussions for colleges and universities that remain noncompliant in foreign gift reporting. Similar to H.R. 1048, the DETERRENT Act, but includes TA from the Department of Education.
- **#754, Sponsored by Rep. Frankel (D-FL):** Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report detailing efforts the Department and Services are currently taking to educate servicemembers on the Holocaust or could provide to those deployed to the European Command (EUCOM) theater.

Address Online Hate

- **#545, Sponsored by Reps. Gottheimer (D-NJ), Bacon (R-NE):** Inserts the text of the bipartisan STOP HATE Act which requires social media companies to be transparent about how they are handling content on FTOs, and an intelligence community estimate to better understand the threat terrorists on online platforms pose to U.S. national security.

Combat Global Hate

- **#151, Sponsored by Reps. Lawler (R-NY), Gottheimer (D-NJ), Salazar (R-FL), Davis (D-NC), Tenney (R-NY), Messmer (R-IN), Stauber (R-MN):** Expands existing anti-boycott law to simply add “or international governmental organization” into this language to

dispel boycott efforts at IGOs. This will be particularly impactful in combating the harmful, antisemitic, and anti-Israel BDS efforts at IGOs.

- **#361, Sponsored by Reps. Gottheimer (D-NJ), Tenney (R-NY):** Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress on financial institutions that have provided services benefiting state sponsors of terrorism and on foreign institutions conducting transactions for sanctioned terrorism-related persons.
- **#362, Sponsored by Reps. Gottheimer (D-NJ) and Tenney (R-NY):** Requires the Secretary of Defense to certify that no Department of Defense contractor participates in the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement against Israel.
- **#1120, Sponsored by Rep. Gillen (D-NY), Malliotakis (R-NY):** Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to loan \$3 billion annually to the U.S. Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism (USVSST) Fund for fiscal years 2027 through 2029, with mandatory distribution of the full amount each year to American victims of state-sponsored terrorism, including survivors of 9/11, the October 7 Hamas attacks and the Beirut Marine Barracks bombing. The USVSST Fund has made only five distributions over nine years, with distributions becoming drastically smaller over time, leaving victims of state-sponsored terrorism without the justice Congress intended.

We also urge you to *oppose* any amendments that undermine the military's ability to ensure the civil rights, safety, and equitable treatment of servicemembers, and further compromise the effectiveness of the force.

Addressing extremism and antisemitism is not about a political or ideological litmus test, but practical threats to the operations and values of the U.S. military.

Sincerely,

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