Dear Secretary of State Pompeo:

We are a diverse group of religious leaders from across America who have joined together to call upon you to swiftly appoint a new State Department Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism. This congressionally-mandated position has remained unfilled since January 2017, during a time of heightened concern about the resurgence of anti-Semitism worldwide.

Around the world, violent and even lethal attacks have been made on Jews and Jewish institutions; physical harassment of Jews who wear a kippah in public is all too common. In far left and far right political parties in Europe and elsewhere, anti-Jewish rhetoric is on the rise as is the demonization of Israel and intimidation of its supporters. New campaigns of Holocaust distortion have been waged and there are proposals in some countries to ban central Jewish religious practices.

Mr. Secretary, anti-Semitism starts with Jews, but doesn’t end there: when any minority is threatened, everyone is less safe.

The world looks to America for leadership on this as on so many other matters. America can and must lead, beginning with the appointment of the next Special Envoy.

Mr. Secretary, please take a stand against the oldest of hatreds and fill the position of Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism.

Respectfully,

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