

April 26, 2023

Governor Ron DeSantis  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: HB 269 by Caruso, Lopez, and Fine (Public Nuisance)

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Over the last five years, antisemitism has been rising in the State of Florida. The ADL reported that 269 antisemitic incidences took place in Florida last year. This is a 42% increase over the previous year and an all-time high. Florida now ranks #4 among all states for the most antisemitic incidents.

These incidences include harassment, vandalism, and assaults. We have seen very public displays of antisemitism in our communities. Nazis have gathered openly in Tampa and Orlando; hateful banners are hung from overpasses on interstate highways; vile antisemitic flyers have been distributed in many communities and the Nazi swastika and other antisemitic conspiracies have been projected on the CSX building in Jacksonville and on the AT&T building in West Palm Beach.

We, the undersigned Jewish organizations, who represent the Jewish communities in Florida, respectfully request your support of this bill by signing it into law.

Your leadership and support will send the message that hate has no place in Florida and that the Jewish community has the right to live lives free of hatred and fear.

With gratitude,

Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County  
Greater Miami Jewish Federation  
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation  
Jewish Federation of Broward County  
The Broward County Jewish Community Relations Council  
Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida  
Jewish Federation of Florida's Gulf Coast  
Tampa JCCs and Federation  
The Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties  
Jewish Council of North Central Florida  
Alpert Jewish Family Service  
Hadassah Florida  
Hadassah Florida Atlantic Region  
Herizon  
Mandel Jewish Community Center of the Palm Beaches  
National Council of Jewish Women, Palm Beach Section

Temple Beth David of Palm Beach Gardens

Temple Beth Kodesh

Temple Beth Torah

Temple Judea

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