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The Honorable Bennie Thompson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Katko
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

By: Email Transmission

Dear Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Katko, and Members of the House Homeland Security Committee:

We are deeply grateful to you for your support for and leadership on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) and in responding to the considerable threats and needed federal and state recourse to address growing targeted violence facing faith-based communities and the charitable sector.

The concern and attentiveness exhibited by you and the Committee towards meeting these objectives expeditiously, will add clarity, certainty, and stability towards improving the physical security and preparedness of at-risk faith-based and nonprofit organizations.

The introduction of the "*Nonprofit Security Grant Program Improvement Act of 2022*," today, is the result of your careful consideration of the strengths and weaknesses of the NSGP program and the challenges facing vulnerable faith-based and charitable institutions to responding appropriately to the increasingly complex, diffuse, and dynamic threat landscape facing our country.

The bill provides a comprehensive framework to ensure the NSGP program is properly resourced and that the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the State Administrative Agencies have the structures and mechanisms in place to enhance outreach, engagement, education, and technical assistance and support to eligible nonprofit organizations and to improve program management and oversight.

The Jewish Federations strongly endorse this bipartisan bill, and respectfully urge the Members of the Committee to support the "*Nonprofit Security Grant Program Improvement Act of 2022*" at markup without amendment or objection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Goldberg
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The Jewish Federations of North America

CC: Members of the House Committee on Homeland Security