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Senator Chuck Grassley
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Senator Grassley,

The efforts of you and your committee over the past four years to uncover the truth behind the collaboration of Swiss banks with the Nazis against the Jewish people during WWII have been remarkable. In this time of surging antisemitism and holocaust denial following Hamas's barbaric attack on Israel on October 7th, 2023, the largest mass murder of our people since the holocaust, your committee is sending a loud and clear message that the United States will leave no stone unturned in the pursuit of justice. For this we are profoundly grateful.

For over a decade since retiring from pediatric practice, I've advocated against the incitement to violence and antisemitism rife in Palestinian schools. Tolerance education, including the historic truth of the holocaust, should be part of their education as well as ours in the US. Left unchecked, the world's oldest hate has resurrected, resulting in unprecedented levels of antisemitic attacks here and abroad.

As a Jewish American with family living in Israel, these past two years have been difficult. Concurrently during this period, I served as the Women's and Children's Advocate of the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC). It was my honor and privilege to advocate for justice for the victims of 10/7, and to stand up to unbridled Jew-hatred, outright lies and distortions of the facts, particularly at the United Nations. Since its inception the SWC has been committed to the pursuit of justice against Nazi war criminals, and over the past 6 years has uncovered new information about Swiss bank activities during this time.

As denial mounts throughout the world of Hamas's present-day crimes of mass murder, rape, mutilation, and hostage-taking of innocent civilians simply because they were Jews, it is even more important that those complicit with the past crimes of Nazis are brought to light and that they are held accountable. It is for this reason that your planned Congressional Hearing on February 3, "The Truth Revealed: Hidden Facts Regarding Nazis and Swiss Banks" I believe is so timely. It will not only help to document the facts. It will compel us to demand accountability from the Swiss banks for the victims and their descendants who have been lied to for eight decades.

Thank you, Senator, once again for your unwavering pursuit of the truth which will vindicate the victims of the holocaust, ensure that future generations can access the documented truth about Swiss bank's role in assisting the Nazis through a public repository, and set a strong precedent to pursue justice for the present-day victims of Hamas and other Palestinian Islamist terror organizations, including many US citizens.

Sincerely,

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