

Dear Senator Grassley,

Your actions—and those of the Senate Judiciary Committee—are critically important. You have the opportunity to make a decisive difference in uncovering the truth about how Swiss banks collaborated with the Nazis. Historical transparency is essential if we are to understand what truly happened. History is shaped by the choices people make, and by how those choices affect others in their own time and for generations to come.

I am the President of *Be the Difference – Never Again*, a nonprofit organization dedicated to highlighting individuals who risked their lives to save others and bringing these lessons into schools for younger generations.

I have worked closely with Jewish survivors of the Holocaust in Italy whose lives were saved because ordinary people chose to act. This is an often-overlooked chapter of Holocaust history: approximately 80% of Italy's Jewish population survived because courageous individuals risked everything to protect innocent people whose only "crime" was being born Jewish. Their firsthand accounts are shared in my book *It Happened in Italy: Untold Stories of How the People of Italy Defied the Horrors of the Holocaust* (HarperCollins, 2009) and in my documentary *It Happened in Italy: The Forgotten Heroes of the Holocaust*, narrated by Isabella Rossellini.

These survivors lost everything—family members, friends, homes, businesses, personal mementos, and all they owned. Yet they lived because others chose courage over indifference. If people were willing to risk their lives to save Jews, then we must have the courage today to seek and reveal "the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

Those who took what was not theirs and profited from this suffering must be held accountable—not only for justice for the victims and their families, but for the integrity of the historical record. Accountability does not expire. Even more than 80 years later, justice still matters. You cannot hide from history. Switzerland, long portrayed as neutral, must have its wartime actions fully examined and permanently recorded for the public—now and for future generations.

We also honor the service members who fought in World War II to liberate the world from the Axis powers. Millions served. Over 400,000 Americans were killed in action, and more than one million were wounded. They sacrificed everything for freedom. As many veterans have said, "I got the next 80 years—my buddies didn't. They are forever 19 or 20 years old." We owe it to those who fought the Nazis to uncover the full truth and to hold all involved accountable. [See below.]

I have dedicated my work to teaching younger generations about the power and consequences of human choices. Your efforts honor the sacrifices of America's Greatest Generation, the victims of the Holocaust, and the principle that history must be told

completely and honestly. Your actions will send a strong message: the United States will not allow historical truth to be distorted, denied, or buried, and it will not allow collaborators in evil to escape scrutiny simply because time has passed.

Antisemitism is surging at home and abroad—from the Tree of Life Synagogue murders, to Boulder, to the October 7 massacre, to the two young staffers killed in Washington, D.C., to the killings on Bondi Beach, and to countless other acts of hatred against Jews. We must do what we can to stop this.

Please continue to be the difference, ensuring that atrocities like these never happen again.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Bettina Nicolosi

President

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