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Dear Chairman Grassley and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I write to express my profound gratitude for your leadership and determination to uncover the truth about the role Swiss banks played in enabling Nazi crimes during and after the Holocaust, and the decades of deception that followed.

As the grandson of Holocaust survivors, this effort is deeply personal. For families like mine, the harm did not end in 1945. For decades, Holocaust survivors and their descendants were met with falsehoods, obstruction, and denial as Swiss banks concealed their collaboration with the Nazi regime and withheld assets stolen from Jewish victims. Bringing these facts to light through a congressional hearing is a historic opportunity to clarify the record and confront a long-standing injustice.

Through my work with The Florida Holocaust Museum and as Chair of the Wiesel Archive & Legacy Council, I work closely with the archives and legacy of Elie Wiesel, the world's most famous Holocaust Survivor and teacher. His life's work teaches that truth must be documented, preserved, and defended, and that accountability remains essential even many generations later. Professor Wiesel knew this would continue to be a particularly important theme in the face of growing Holocaust distortion and denial. Ensuring that the complete and unadulterated facts are placed into the public record allows future generations to access documented truth rather than these falsehoods.

Your leadership sends a powerful message at a time when antisemitism is surging globally, when extremists seek to rehabilitate Nazi ideology, and as the Jewish people continue to grieve in the aftermath of October 7, the deadliest attack on Jews since the Holocaust. The American people will not allow collaborators in mass murder to escape accountability through secrecy or deceit.

Thank you for honoring the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, their families and all Americans with your courage and commitment to truth, justice, and historical integrity.

Sincerely,



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