

Attention Chairman Chuck Grassley and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse,

As the son of a Holocaust survivor, I am especially sensitive to any attempt to whitewash our history. I am deeply grateful for the work of your committee and for its continued inquiry into Swiss collaboration with the Nazis and the persistent denial of the role they played.

Your mission is critical on many levels. It ensures historical accuracy and directly confronts the blatant attempts to deny the immense evil directed at the Jewish people, both in the past and today, from Holocaust denial to the denial of the atrocities of October 7. It demands accountability from perpetrators and from those who enabled them. At a time of an unprecedented surge in antisemitism, your work sends a clear and necessary message about where America stands.

This effort represents a commitment to justice and to zero tolerance for antisemitism in any form or in any place. Not in our schools, not in corporate spaces, and not on the international stage.

I run an organization for young Jewish professionals in Washington, DC, MesorahDC. I cannot overstate how important it is for these young men and women to feel the support of their country as they face alienation, resentment, and at times open hostility in their daily lives.

Several years ago, with the help of friends in the White House, I was able to arrange a private tour of the West Wing for my parents. As we stood outside the Oval Office, my father began to cry. I had never seen him cry before, and I asked him what he was feeling. He told me that as a young Jewish boy in Poland, he had endured ridicule, constant threats to his life, and treatment that stripped him of his humanity. Standing outside the highest office in the land, he felt a profound sense of validation. He was deeply proud of that moment and profoundly grateful to be an American.

I share that pride and that gratitude. I am proud to be a citizen of a country that stands up for those whose voices have been silenced and that rejects all forms of bigotry and hatred.

With great appreciation,

Rabbi Zvi Teitelbaum