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President Andrzej Duda  
Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland  
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Dear President Duda,

I write to express my grave concern regarding legislation seeking to criminalize statements that Poland was complicit in the Nazi atrocities committed on Polish soil during World War II. Respectfully, and ally to ally, I ask you not to sign this legislation into law.

Some of the most notorious Nazi death camps of the Holocaust were located on occupied Polish soil, including Auschwitz. Schoolteachers who wish to speak to this history, and Holocaust survivors who recount their own personal experiences, run the risk of violating this newly proposed law. It is imperative that such discussions occur, however, if we are to avoid repeating the horrors of the Holocaust. Discussion should not be criminalized, especially in democratic societies.

With the rise of anti-Semitism across Europe, we must do everything in our power to ensure that our actions and our words reflect the unequivocal stance that such positions are wrong. Together, we must continue to say "never again" to anyone who will listen, and especially to those who will not. I thank you for your time spent reviewing this letter, and for pursuing a path that will ultimately lead to resolution and further remembrance.

Sincerely,

  
Grace Meng  
Member of Congress