

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 15, 2025

The Honorable Anthony Albanese  
Prime Minister  
Commonwealth of Australia  
The Lodge  
5 Adelaide Avenue  
Deakin, ACT 2600, Australia

Dear Prime Minister Albanese,

As members of the House Bipartisan Task Force for Combatting Antisemitism, we write to express our bipartisan, firm, and unwavering solidarity with the Australian Jewish community following the devastating terrorist attack on December 14, 2025, at Bondi Beach in Sydney. On the first night of Hanukkah, gunmen opened fire on a peaceful celebration, killing at least 15 people and wounding many others, including two police officers. The attack could have been deadlier had it not been for the courageous heroism of Ahmed al Ahmed, an Arab Muslim civilian who disarmed an attacker and was shot twice as a result. This act of antisemitic terrorism strikes at the heart of our shared democratic values and our mutual commitment to protecting religious freedom and keeping our citizens safe. Our deepest condolences are with the families of those murdered, and our prayers are with all those wounded and traumatized by this unconscionable violence.

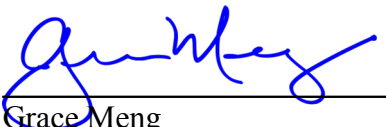
This tragedy comes in the wake of the Australian Jewish community repeatedly raising the alarm and urging swift action to counter the spread of unchecked antisemitic rhetoric and demonstrations occurring in Australia for far too long. The community had already suffered the firebombing of synagogues, graffiti desecrations, physical assaults, and endured escalating threats of violence. These warnings signs have now led to a tragic reality.

We note that your government's Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism, Jillian Segal, released a comprehensive Plan to Combat Antisemitism in July 2025, containing 49 key actions designed to address this growing threat. The plan addresses antisemitism across multiple sectors, including education, universities, the Department of Home Affairs, media, online platforms, and public institutions. Given the horrific events that unfolded at Bondi Beach, we respectfully ask what concrete steps has your government taken to implement the recommendations in the Special Envoy's Plan since it was released? Additionally, in the immediate aftermath of this attack, how will you protect the Jewish community from further violence?

Further, while we appreciate Australia joining the Global Guidelines for Countering Antisemitism led by the United States, we urge your government to implement and actively utilize this document and its recommendations within. We also encourage you to further insulate Australia from malign foreign influence, like that of Iran and possibly others, which has been found to be supporting antisemitic attacks in Australia. Australia's designation of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization is an important first step, but it cannot be the last step if Australia is to address the antisemitism brewing at home while also thwarting collusion from abroad.

We urge you to move swiftly and decisively to adopt and implement the critical recommendations from the 2025 Plan to Combat Antisemitism to ensure that Australia's Jewish citizens feel safe, protected, and valued in their own country. We stand ready to assist and support Australia in its efforts to combat this scourge of antisemitism.

Sincerely,



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