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Washington, DC 20510

Senator Kevin J. Cramer
U.S. Senate
400 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Jacky Rosen
U.S. Senate
144 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Cardin, Cramer and Rosen:

We, the more than 300 undersigned national, state, and local organizations and institutions, representing millions of Americans from every region and all 50 states within the Union, commend your leadership in introducing and strongly support the Trauma-Informed Modernization of Eldercare for Holocaust Survivors Act (aka the TIME for Holocaust Survivors Act). This bipartisan legislation will ensure that Holocaust survivors living in the United State have access to the care and services that align with their needs.

Between 1933 and 1945, the Nazis and their collaborators murdered 6,000,000 Jews and many others. Millions more spent these years living in concentration camps, work camps, ghettos or as refugees. Today approximately 80,000 Holocaust survivors now live in the United States. With an average age greater than 85, many are 90 years of age or older. Shockingly, one-third have incomes below the official U.S. poverty threshold, limiting their ability to receive care that meets their specific needs. Holocaust survivors live with the physical, mental, and social scars from the traumas they faced. Although aging Holocaust survivors have needs similar to those facing other older Americans, the consequences of premature or unnecessary institutionalizations can be more severe for this population. For many, institutionalized settings produce sights, sounds, smells, emotions, and routines which can induce panic, anxiety, and re-traumatization as a result of their experiences during the Holocaust.

The TIME for Holocaust Survivors Act would allow these survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life, at the end of their lives. Specifically, this bill:

- Prioritizes the needs of Holocaust survivors within the Older Americans Act;
- Creates an Administration for Community Living portfolio that focuses on Holocaust survivors and serves as a liaison with other agencies throughout the federal government;
- Establishes a national resource center to share best practices and promote person-centered trauma-informed care for agencies that serve older adults experiencing the long-term and adverse consequences of trauma;

- Ensures that providers of nutrition and transportation services can meet the special health-related or other dietary needs and the mobility needs of Holocaust survivors; and
- Reports annually on the status and needs of Holocaust survivors and how the aging network is identifying and serving older adults experiencing the long-term and adverse consequences of trauma.

Holocaust survivors today are aging and entering their final years. We must uphold our responsibilities and provide Holocaust survivors with the best possible care and treat them in a manner that honors their lives. This legislation, should it become law, will go a long way toward meeting that goal. We thank you again for your introduction of the TIME for Holocaust Survivors Act and look forward to its expeditious passage. If you have any questions about our coalition, please contact Stephan.Kline@JewishFederations.org.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

Agudath Israel of America
 American Conference of Cantors
 American Zionist Movement
 Anti-Defamation League
 Association of Holocaust Organizations
 Association of Jewish Aging Services
 Bet Tzedek Legal Services
 B'nai B'rith International
 The Blue Card
 Cantors Assembly
 Central Conference of American Rabbis
 Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference)
 Hadassah: The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.
 HIAS
 Holocaust Learning and Education Fund, Inc.
 Holocaust Memorial Resource
 The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
 JCC Association of North America
 Jewish Council for Public Affairs
 The Jewish Federations of North America
 Jewish War Veterans of the United States
 Jewish Women International
 Men of Reform Judaism
 National Association of Jewish Legislators
 National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry
 National Council of Jewish Women
 National Museum of American Jewish Military History
 Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
 Orthodox Union
 Rabbinical Council of America

Reconstructing Judaism
SHOAH Living Testimony
Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity
Together We Remember
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Union for Reform Judaism
Uri L'Tzedek: Orthodox Social Justice
Workmen's Circle
World Jewish Restitution Organization
Zionist Organization of America

State and Local Organizations

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Ahavath Achim Synagogue (Atlanta, GA)
Alabama Holocaust Commission
Albert and Sara Reuben Jewish Family Services of Indianapolis (IN)
American Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors & Descendants of Greater Boston (MA)
Arizona Jews for Justice
The ARK (Chicago, IL)
Atlanta Rabbinical Association (GA)
Baltimore Jewish Council (MD)
Beth El Synagogue of Omaha (NE)
Bikur Cholim Chesed Organization (Brooklyn, NY)
Birmingham Holocaust Education Center (AL)
Bristol Community College Holocaust Center (Falls River, MA)
Center for Holocaust Education and Human Dignity of the East Valley JCC (Chandler, AZ)
Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies, Lehman College of the City University of New York
Chabad Lubavitch of Idaho
Chabad Lubavitch of Montana
Charleston Jewish Family Services (SC)
Charleston Jewish Federation (SC)
CJE SeniorLife (Chicago, IL)
Columbia Holocaust Education Commission
Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston (MA)
Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland (OH)
Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg (PA)
Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh (PA)
Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel (Boise, ID)
Congregation Beth Shalom (Bozeman, MT)
Congregation B'nai Israel (Columbus, MS)
Council for Holocaust Education (Tulsa, OK)
Desert Torah Academy (Las Vegas, NV)
East Valley JCC (Chandler, AZ)
Elayne and James Schoke Jewish Family Services of Fairfield County (CT)
Emek Shalom Holocaust Memorial Cemetery (Richmond, VA)
Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

Esther Raab Holocaust Museum (Cherry Hill, NJ)
EZRA Multi Service Center (Chicago, IL)
Family Central, Inc. (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
Federated Jewish Charities of Charleston, Inc. (WV)
Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service (West Palm Beach, FL)
Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies of the University of Delaware
Goodwin Education Center (Cherry Hill, NJ)
Gordon Jewish Community Center (Nashville, TN)
Guardians of the Sick (Brooklyn, NY)
Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services (FL)
Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of Delaware
Harrisburg Jewish Community Center (PA)
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Justice at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale (NY)
Hebrew Free Loan Detroit (MI)
Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center (Philadelphia, PA)
Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine
Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center (White Plains, NY)
Holocaust Center for Humanity (Seattle, WA)
Holocaust Commission of Virginia Beach, VA
Holocaust, Genocide, Memory Studies, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign, IL)
Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach (FL)
The Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center (Maitland, FL)
Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education (Suffern, NY)
Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo (NY)
Holocaust, Genocide, & Human Rights Advocacy (West Hartford, CT)
Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center
Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council (IN)
Institute for Holocaust Education (Omaha, NE)
Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies (Fort Wayne, IN)
Iowa Council for Holocaust Education
Jackson Hole Jewish Community (WY)
JCRC/AJC - Detroit (MI)
JEVS Human Services (Philadelphia, PA)
Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island
Jewish Care Program of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico
Jewish Collaborative Services of Rhode Island
JEWISHcolorado
JewishColumbus (OH)
Jewish Communities of Vermont
Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine
Jewish Community Center Austin (TX)
Jewish Community Center of Scranton (PA)
Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island (NY)
Jewish Community Council of the Rockaway Peninsula (NY)
Jewish Community Federation of Richmond (VA)
Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties (CA)

Jewish Community of Greater Stowe (VT)
Jewish Community Relations Committee of Columbus (OH)
Jewish Community Relations Committee of Delaware
Jewish Community Relations Committee of Greater Santa Barbara
Jewish Community Relations Committee of Richmond (VA)
Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta (GA)
Jewish Community Relations Council of Colorado
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation (FL)
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston (MA)
Jewish Community Relation Council of Greater Charleston (SC)
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Orlando (FL)
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Phoenix (AZ)
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington (DC)
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte (NC)
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati (OH)
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas (TX)
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans (LA)
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (PA)
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County (FL)
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation (WI)
Jewish Community Relations Council of New York
Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey
Jewish Educational Alliance (Savannah, GA)
Jewish Family & Career Services (Louisville, KY)
Jewish Family & Career Services of Atlanta (GA)
Jewish Family Service and Children's Center of Clifton/Passaic (NJ)
Jewish Family and Children's Service (Waltham, MA)
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis (MN)
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Philadelphia (PA)
Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay (CA)
Jewish Family and Community Services of Pittsburgh (PA)
Jewish Family Service (Austin, TX)
Jewish Family Service (Buffalo, NY)
Jewish Family Service (Houston, TX)
Jewish Family Service Agency (Las Vegas, NV)
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland (OH)
Jewish Family Service of Colorado
Jewish Family Service of Greater Cincinnati (OH)
Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas (TX)
Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans (LA)
Jewish Family Service of Greater Toledo (OH)
Jewish Family Service of the Lehigh Valley (PA)
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles (CA)
Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit (MI)
Jewish Family Service of MetroWest, NJ
Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Jewish Family Service of Rochester (NY)
Jewish Family Service of Seattle (WA)
Jewish Family Service of Silicon Valley (CA)
Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties (NJ)
Jewish Family Service of St. Paul (MN)
Jewish Family Services of Columbus (OH)
Jewish Family Services of Delaware
Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte (NC)
Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford (CT)
Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City (KS)
Jewish Family Services of St. Joseph Valley (IN)
Jewish Family Services of Tidewater (VA)
Jewish Federation and Family Services of Orange County (CA)
Jewish Federation and Foundation of Rockland County (NY)
Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee
Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut
Jewish Federation of Arkansas
Jewish Federation of Austin (TX)
The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires (MA)
Jewish Federation of Biloxi (MS)
Jewish Federation of Broward County (FL)
Jewish Federation of Cleveland (OH)
Jewish Federation of Delaware
Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut
Jewish Federation of Florida's Gulf Coast
Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (IN)
Jewish Federation of Fort Worth & Tarrant County (TX)
Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta (GA)
Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte (NC)
Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas (TX)
Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton (OH)
Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines (IA)
Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg (PA)
Jewish Federation of Greater Houston (TX)
Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City (KS & MO)
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles (CA)
Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest (NJ)
Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans (LA)
Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City (OK)
Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando (FL)
Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix (AZ)
Jewish Federation of Greater Portland (OR)
Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford (IL)
Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys (CA)
Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara (CA)

Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle (WA)
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (OH)
Jewish Federation of Greater Washington (DC)
The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey
Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley (PA)
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit (MI)
Jewish Federation of New Hampshire
Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York
Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey
Jewish Federation of Ocean County (NJ)
Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County (FL)
Jewish Federation of Peoria (IL)
Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks (NJ)
Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities (IA & IL)
Jewish Federation of Reading (PA)
Jewish Federation of Sacramento Region (CA)
Jewish Federation of San Antonio (TX)
Jewish Federation of San Diego County (CA)
Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties (NJ)
Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey
Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County (FL)
Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley (IN)
Jewish Federation of St. Louis (MO)
Jewish Federation of Tulsa (OK)
Jewish Foundation of Austin and Central Texas
Jewish Interfaith Education Council, Inc. (Sioux Falls, SD)
Jewish Living Center of Greater Toledo (OH)
Jewish Long Beach (formerly Jewish Federation of Greater Long Beach and West Orange County (CA)
Jewish Museum Milwaukee (WI)
Jewish Nevada
Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California
Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit (MI)
Jewish Senior Services of Toledo (OH)
Jewish Social Service Agency (Rockville, MD)
Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago (IL)
JVS Career Services (Cincinnati, OH)
Kadima Mental Health Services (Detroit, MI)
Kids in Distress, Inc. (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
Kleinlife (Philadelphia, PA)
Kline Galland (Seattle, WA)
Knoxville Jewish Alliance (TN)
Lakin Holocaust Library & Resource Center (Reading, PA)
Levine Jewish Community Center (Charlotte, NC)
Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago (IL)
Memphis Jewish Federation (TN)
Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation
Midwest Center for Holocaust Education (Overland Park, KS)

Midwest Jewish Congress (St. Louis, MO)
Mittleman Jewish Community Center (Portland, OR)
MJHS (Brooklyn, NY)
Moldaw Residences (Palo Alto, CA)
Montana Association of Jewish Communities
The Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation (Cleveland, OH)
The Museum of Jewish Heritage – a Living Memorial to the Holocaust (New York, NY)
The Music4Hope Foundation (Raleigh, NC)
Naples Senior Center at Jewish Family & Community Services (FL)
National Council of Jewish Women Atlanta Section (GA)
National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis Section (MO)
National Council of Jewish Women Dallas Section (TX)
Nebraska State Holocaust Memorial
Nevada Governor’s Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust
New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education
New Jersey State Association of Jewish Federations
New Square Community Improvement Council, Inc. (Spring Valley, NY)
Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
North Carolina Council on the Holocaust
Ohio Jewish Communities
Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition
Peoria Holocaust Memorial (IL)
Pesach Tikva (Brooklyn, NY)
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Selfhelp Community Services (New York, NY)
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South Carolina Council on the Holocaust
St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center (MO)
Tampa Jewish Community Centers & Federation (FL)
The Temple (Atlanta, GA)
Temple Beth El (Fargo, ND)
Temple Beth El (Knoxville, TN)
Temple Beth Sholom (Las Vegas, NV)
Temple B’nai Israel (Hattiesburg, MS)
Temple Emanu-El Honolulu (HI)
Temple Sinai (Las Vegas, NV)
Tucson Jewish Community Center
UJA-Federation of NY
United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula

United Jewish Communities Alaska, Inc.
United Jewish Federation of Stamford, New Canaan and Darien (CT)
United Jewish Federation of Tidewater (VA)
United Jewish Federation of Utah
United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and North Brooklyn (NY)
Vermont Holocaust Memorial
Virginia Holocaust Museum
Westchester Jewish Community Services (NY)
Wisconsin Jewish Conference
Yad Ezra (Detroit, MI)
YM & YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood (NY)
Youngstown Area Jewish Federation (OH)
Zachor Holocaust Remembrance Foundation (Las Vegas, NV)

cc: The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Senate Democratic Leader
The Honorable John Thune, Senate Majority Whip
The Honorable Richard Durbin, Senate Democratic Whip
The Honorable Lamar Alexander, Chairman Senate HELP Committee
The Honorable Patty Murray, Ranking Member Senate HELP Committee