

THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

November 22, 2023

Anthony Brown
Attorney General State of Maryland
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Dear Attorney General Brown,

It has come to our attention that Ms. Zainab Chaudry, a member of your newly-created Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention, has made several antisemitic posts on her public Facebook page. The most astonishing was an October 17th post in which Ms. Chaudry shared a picture of the Nazi flag alongside the Israeli flag with the caption, "That moment when you become what you hated most."

The aggressive antisemitism of this post is unseemly from any decent person but is especially objectionable from someone serving on a commission whose sole purpose is to prevent hate crimes.

We are grateful for your swift suspension of Ms. Chaudry and hope that your commitment to defending the Jewish people will continue and that you will ultimately decide not to reinstate someone whose views pose such a danger to the Jewish community.

We are optimistic that you will choose to remove Ms. Chaudry from the commission. Based on your recent comments about the Commission, it "must serve as a model for the entire State on how to respond to incidents of hate and bias."

At this moment in our country, when Jewish people are the target of much greater violence and hate than they have been in generations, your quick action in suspending Ms. Chaudry shows that you mean what you said. It is our hope that while Jewish people in America are still reeling from the unspeakable atrocities of the October 7th attack in Israel, and while they are praying every day for the return of the babies, children, mothers, and fathers still held hostage by Hamas, you will show them that in Maryland, our government will not fail to defend them.

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Sincerely,



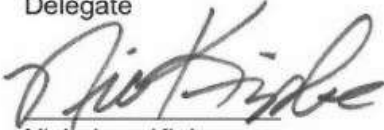
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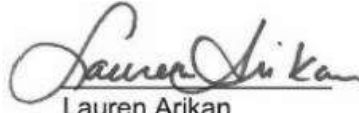
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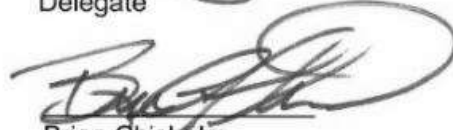
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