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**NEARLY 300 BIPARTISAN STATE LEGISLATORS NATIONWIDE DENOUNCE
ANTISEMITISM AND ISLAMOPHOBIA, COMMIT CONTINUED EDUCATIONAL
EFFORTS TO EXPOSE AND REDUCE ANTI-JEWISH PREJUDICE AND EXTREMISM**

(BOSTON, MA) – Today, Senator Becca Rausch (D-Needham) issued an open letter signed by 288 state legislators representing more than half the states in the nation, to President Biden, Vice President Harris, and members of the United States Congress denouncing antisemitism, Islamophobia, and all forms of hatred and bigotry. The bipartisan, nationwide group of state lawmakers expressed deep concern “about the stark rise in antisemitism, expressed openly and violently around the world, across our nation, and in our communities, including on our college campuses” and committed to continued educational efforts to help overcome anti-Jewish prejudice and extremism. The letter comes as the nation experiences a more than 300% increase in antisemitic activity since the October 7 Hamas terrorist attack on Israel, according to the [Anti-Defamation League](#).

The coast-to-coast group of state lawmakers also expressed support for the federal government’s commitment to stand with Israel, condemned Hamas, mourned the tragic loss of life in the Middle East, and urged continued efforts to safely rescue the hostages held by Hamas and ensure safe passage for Americans out of Gaza.

The signed letter can be viewed here: www.beccaraushma.com/nationwide-letter-antisemitism

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Senator Becca Rausch represents the Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex District, comprised of Bellingham, Dover, Franklin, Medfield, Milford, Millis, Needham, Norfolk, Plainville, Sherborn, and Wrentham. Now in her third term, Senator Rausch serves as the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, the Senate Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities, and the Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on the Census.