

July 21, 2025

The Honorable Rand Paul Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs 340 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Paul,

On behalf of the Advisory Board of the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), I am writing to express support for the confirmation of Paul Ingrassia as Special Counsel in the U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

Since October 7, 2023, antisemitism in the United States has escalated at an alarming rate, particularly in our nation's capital, as tragically evidenced by the fatal attack outside the Capital Jewish Museum on May 21, 2025. The suspect in custody is reported to have said, "I did it for Palestine, I did it for Gaza." The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism includes illustrative examples to help clarify how antisemitism can manifest, including that holding Jews collectively responsible for the actions of the State of Israel can be a form of antisemitism.¹

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel offers resources to federal agencies and non-federal organizations on Prohibited Personnel Practices (PPP), including religious discrimination, and Mr. Ingrassia has committed in our conversations to provide educational resources on antisemitism, consistent with President Donald Trump's Executive Order 14188 (Additional Measures to Combat Antisemitism), as part of the PPP training.

As it is an urgent priority for the Jewish community to see nominees who will fight against the scourge of antisemitism confirmed to office, we respectfully request the Committee advance Mr. Ingrassia without delay.

Sincerely,

Arie Lipnick

Board of Governors, Combat Antisemitism Movement

cc: Senate Majority Leader John Thune

¹ https://2017-2021.state.gov/defining-anti-semitism/