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Dear Minister,

As Jewish community leaders at the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), the advocacy agent of the Jewish Federations across Canada, we are writing to you on a matter of some urgency.

CIJA is aware of several hateful messages shared widely on social media by Travis Patron, a Saskatchewan resident and leader of the Canadian Nationalist Party (CNP) who has recently re-uploaded a video (first posted in 2019) in which he calls for “that parasitic tribe” to be “removed from Canada once and for all.” His lengthy rant about “swindlers,” “snakes,” and “inside manipulators” – as well as a subsequent reference to Jews and “the synagogue of Satan” – make his antisemitic agenda unambiguous.

It is outrageous that such vile hatred is allowed to poison the discussion in Canada’s public square. This kind of dehumanizing language has led to violence against the Jewish community.

Following our formal complaint, we understand that the RCMP is currently investigating Mr. Patron’s highly problematic and offensive comments online. It is our considered opinion that Mr. Patron has committed a crime under the hate propaganda provisions of the Criminal Code (s. 318 and 319). Consequently, when the time comes to decide whether to file charges against Mr. Patron, we strongly urge you to give your required consent for Mr. Patron’s prosecution.

We firmly believe in preserving freedom of expression. However, this cherished Canadian right is not absolute and does not include the promotion of hate. We believe Mr. Patron, in this case, has crossed a legal line.

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We thank you for considering this urgent request.

Kindest regards,

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