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Subject: In support of Karen Cilevitz's member motion urging the convening of a second national summit to combat antisemitism

Dear Clerk:

I am writing in support of the member motion being submitted by Karen Cilevitz on February 21, 2024, urging that a second national summit to combat antisemitism be convened.

I am not Jewish, but as a Canadian, I am deeply troubled by the rise in antisemitic incidents in my own city and across the country. I realize the complex situation in Gaza and understand that there have been terrible losses on both sides of this conflict that was initiated by Hamas, but hate crimes don't have any place in our nation, and I fear too little is being done to address them.

I would feel just as strongly about acts of hatred against Muslims or Palestinians, but it is antisemitic incidents that are currently on the rise, and I fear that the political situation is only stirring old animosities and giving a forum for anti-Jewish sentiment that is latent in many areas of our society.

While we seek a peaceful resolution in Gaza, surely more must be done to protect our own country against growing antisemitism. I urge your consideration in this.

Sincerely,

Paul Sadler

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