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Subject: antisemitism task force

Dear Mayor West and Councillor Cilevitz,

Thank you profoundly for putting forward a motion for a combined federal, provincial and municipal effort to combat and prevent antisemitic hate and violence.

I am a Jewish community member of York Region who lives in neighbouring Thornhill.

Over the last two and a half years, I have become increasingly concerned about the rise of incidents of bigoted hate targeting Jewish individuals, synagogues, schools and businesses.

In York Region and indeed, in major cities across the country, we are seeing a coordinated and escalating effort by hostile agitators to marginalize and terrorize Jews.

These same individuals express distinctly anti-democracy, anti-freedom, anti-human rights and anti-West views -making them an existential threat to the stability of our society.

If I can support your important work to protect the Jewish community of Richmond Hill and sustain the stability and well-being of our society, please let me know.

Thank you,

Sharon