

## **In Letter to President Trump, Assemblywoman Rozic Speaks out Against Anti-Semitism**

***Rozic joins lawmakers across the country in urging President Trump to appoint  
a Special Envoy in the U.S. Department of State***

**New York** – Today, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D,WF-Fresh Meadows) released a letter addressed to President Trump urging him to fill the current vacancy in the U.S. Department of State for a Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat anti-Semitism. Rozic joined lawmakers across the country as part of the National Association of Jewish Legislators in requesting an “adequately staffed and funded” office.

“Over the past few months there has been a significant rise in hate crimes against Jewish communities in New York and across the country that has been a stark departure from our core values. It is critical that we come together to do our part as legislators to not only protect and defend the constituencies we serve, but to keep the Trump Administration accountable,” said Rozic.

The Special Envoy position was established in 2004 under the Global Anti-Semitism Review Act. It has been vacant since President Trump assumed office on January 20, 2017.

The full text of the letter can be found below.

Honorable Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As state legislators representing diverse communities that often deal with anti-Semitism, we ask that you fill the current vacancy and appoint a Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat anti-Semitism in the U.S. State Department. This is an office that was created in 2004 with bipartisan congressional support and has had the full support of the last two Presidents. The office should also be adequately staffed and funded.

As we address anti-Semitism and hate crimes at the local level at home, anti-Semitism appears to be much more prevalent in other nations. Since 2004, the Special Envoy helped document abuses against Jewish communities abroad, as well as develop and implement approaches to fight anti-Semitism, filling a major void. The Special Envoy was also able to address specific problems in France, Argentina, Hungary, Ukraine, Greece and Egypt that might have otherwise not been properly addressed.

This nation has been a leader in the fight against anti-Semitism and for human rights. The

Special Envoy has played a unique and important role in this effort. Please appoint a Special Envoy to help eradicate anti-Semitism.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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California	Assemblyman Marc Levine
Colorado	Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet Representative Mike Weissman
Connecticut	Representative Matthew Lesser Representative Derek Slap Senator Gayle Slossberg
Florida	Representative Lori Berman Representative Randy Fine Representative Joseph Geller Senator Kevin Rader Representative Emily Slosberg Representative Richard Stark
Idaho	Representative Ilana Rubel
Illinois	Representative Lou Lang Representative Sara Feigenholtz
Maine	Representative Denise Tepler
Maryland	Delegate Shelly Hettleman Senator Cheryl Kagan Senator Roger Manno Delegate Dan Morhaim Delegate Benjamin Kramer Delegate Kirill Reznik
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cc. Honorable Rex Tillerson