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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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Programs Subcommittee  
Committee on Appropriations  
HT-2, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Ranking Member  
State, Foreign Operations and Related  
Programs Subcommittee  
Committee on Appropriations  
HT-2, The Capitol  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member Lowey:

We write to urge your support for including authorizing language in the fiscal year 2015 Appropriations bill to fund the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation (ABF) in Poland. This foundation is tasked with preserving and maintaining the historic site of one of the most notorious death camps of the Holocaust.

In 2010, then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton pledged \$15 million from the U.S. State Department to the ABF to preserve the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. The ABF received pledges from 28 countries, leveraged, in part, by the leadership of the United States. However, none of the dollars pledged by the U.S. have reached the foundation because Congress has not included authorizing language to transfer the appropriated funds to the ABF. The funds were to be transferred in 5 installments, \$3 million each starting in 2012. At the end of 2013 there should have already been \$6 million in the ABF's account.

We are asking for support to include the following authorizing language in the 2015 Appropriations bill to ensure delivery of the U.S. pledged funds.

- (a) *For fiscal years 2014 through 2017, the Secretary of State is authorized to make contributions to establish and maintain Holocaust memorial sites of genocide using funds available to carry out [the Foreign Assistance Act] [Chapter 4 of Part II of the Foreign Assistance Act].*
- (b) *The Secretary of State shall notify the Committees on Appropriations and Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committees on Appropriations and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives fifteen days prior to the exercise of the authority in subsection (a).*

We appreciate your consideration and thank you for your ongoing leadership.

Sincerely,



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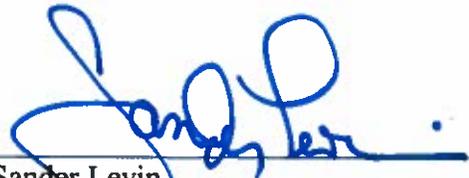
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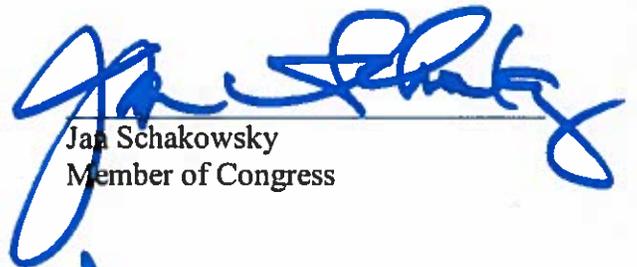
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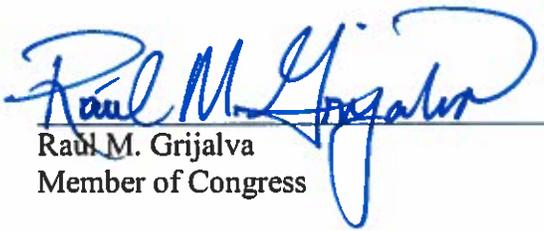
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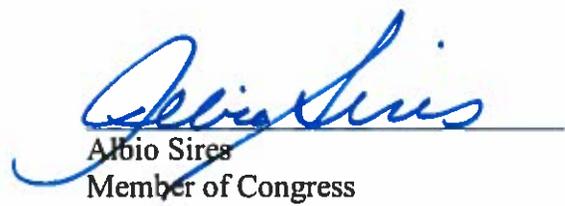
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