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*...from State Representative Sara Feigenholtz*



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## **Feigenholtz Resolution Encouraging Trump to Appoint a Special Envoy to Combat Anti-Semitism Passes Committee**

**Springfield, Ill.** – In response to the Trump Administration not appointing a Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism at the State Department, a resolution sponsored by State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, calling on Trump to fill the office passed the State Government Administration Committee today.

“In the past year, the Jewish community has experienced a rise in incidents directed against them. Cemeteries, synagogues, and Jewish schools and centers were desecrated. Anti-Semitic slogans were shouted at Jewish college students and at peaceful marchers in protest rallies. The Jewish community around the world is also facing attacks,” said Feigenholtz. “Now is the time to increase resources both at home and abroad to combat anti-Semitism, not decrease them.”

The Special Envoy plays a key role in diminishing anti-Jewish hatred overseas, and it is mandated by law since the Global Anti-Semitism Review Act of 2004. This position has been important in fighting anti-Semitism and past envoys have made key accomplishments to fight hate abroad.

Trump does not have the ability to single-handedly eliminate the office. However, by leaving the post vacant he is effectively rendering the office useless.

“Anti-Semitic attacks around the world are on the rise and have wide-reaching ripple effects,” said Bill Silverstein, Chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council. “The office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism is an essential tool in the global fight against hate and bigotry, and should be filled without delay.”

For the full text of HR524, [click here](#). For more information, contact Feigenholtz’s constituent services office at (773) 296-4141 or [sara@staterepsara.com](mailto:sara@staterepsara.com).

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