As Muslims and Jews, we know the great promise that this country holds for minority religions, races, and ethnicities, but we are also keenly aware of the vulnerability that we can experience.

Hate against any one group is a cancer in our society that if left unchecked will spread and ultimately rot us all. We call on all members of government and civil society to work together to curb antisemitic hatred and violence from terrorizing Jews in the United States.

We, Muslims and Jews, together call on public officials to condemn such acts of hatred and offer tangible solutions to protect our communities better and strengthen the response of law enforcement.

We urge all Americans to reach out to Jewish friends and neighbors and share messages of solidarity and support during this challenging time.

As Muslims and Jews, we refuse to allow the normalization of antisemitism—this cannot become a time for “business as usual” in America. It is a time for action by us all.

The Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council in New York (MJAC NY) strongly condemns the violent increase in antisemitic incidents that most recently included a stabbing attack during a Hanukkah celebration in Monsey, N.Y. that left five people injured. We commend the NYPD and law enforcement for apprehending the sole assailant and bringing him to justice.

Since its founding in 2017, MJAC NY has worked to stem the rise in hate crimes in the United States though legislative advocacy, working with law enforcement, and strengthening community relations.

MJAC is a civil society coalition co-convened by American Jewish Committee (AJC) and Islamic Society of North America (ISNA). Founded in 2016, MJAC brings together civil society, religious, and business leaders from across the U.S. to advocate for domestic policy issues of common concern. MJAC NY is one of eleven regional councils, which represent a network of hundreds of Muslim and Jewish leaders committed to working together for the good of both communities and the country.

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