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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member
House Judiciary Committee
2142 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Jordan:

Since 1913, the mission of ADL (the Anti-Defamation League) has been to “stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all.” For decades, one of the most important ways in which ADL has fought against bigotry and antisemitism has been by investigating extremist threats across the ideological spectrum, including white supremacists and other far-right violent extremists.

While there is no silver bullet, one-size-fits-all approach to solve the challenge of domestic terrorism, the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act will enhance the federal government’s efforts to prevent domestic terrorism by formally authorizing offices to address domestic terrorism and requiring law enforcement agencies to regularly report on domestic terrorist threats. Congress must ensure that those offices have the resources they need and can deploy those resources in a manner proportionate to existing threats. Furthermore, the transparency that comes with regular reporting is crucial for civil society, Congress, and the public writ large to help oversee the national security process and hold leaders accountable.

While Federal agencies already have access to significant resources to fight white supremacist terrorism on many fronts, the extraordinary funding and legal authorities in officials’ toolboxes have not yet been directed in full force at the unique threat of white supremacist violence.

We strongly urge you and your colleagues to support the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act, a critical and much needed tool to combat violent extremism while preserving civil liberties.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Sevilla', written over a horizontal line.

Sincerely,

Max Sevilla
Vice President, Government Relations and Community Engagement