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Dear Chairs of the Democratic National Committee, Republican National Committee, and State Parties,

Antisemitism should be disqualifying in American politics. It should also be a warning sign. When those running for office or in power engage in antisemitic rhetoric, associate with extremists, excuse hatred toward Jews, traffic in conspiracy theories, or display symbols tied to Nazi ideology, party leaders cannot look away, minimize the conduct, or hope voters will forget. They must act.

Those who tolerate, promote, or excuse antisemitism are not only dangerous for Jewish communities, but often also demonstrate poor judgment, weakness, and an openness to extremism that almost always points to deeper problems.

Recent candidate controversies have made this painfully clear. The warning signs are often visible early: hateful rhetoric, extremist associations, antisemitic symbols, conspiracy theories, and efforts to normalize or excuse bigotry. Waiting until additional scandals emerge only puts communities at risk, damages public trust, and harms the credibility of our political system.

ADL is calling on leaders in both parties, at the national and state levels, to make clear that antisemitism has no place in American politics, no place in any party, and no place on the ballot.

Specifically, we urge you to:

- Publicly condemn antisemitic rhetoric, symbols, conspiracy theories, and extremist associations from those in your party.
- Refuse financial, organizational, or strategic support to those who engage in antisemitism or refuse to take meaningful accountability for it.
- Strengthen candidate and appointee vetting so antisemitic conduct is identified before candidates are elevated, endorsed, or funded.
- Make clear that hatred toward Jews is not a political inconvenience to be managed; it should be treated as a fundamental.

This should not be a partisan issue. Jewish Americans, and all Americans, deserve political leaders who reject antisemitism and bigotry without hesitation. Party leaders have a responsibility to draw that line early, clearly, and consistently.

Do not allow antisemitism to become further normalized. Treat it as the warning sign it is.

Sincerely,

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