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The Honorable Sam Graves  
Chairman  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of ADL (the Anti-Defamation League), I write in support of the bicameral, bipartisan Pray Safe Act (H.R. 5645), introduced by Representatives Grace Meng (D-NY) and María Salazar (R-FL).

Communities across the country are facing a heightened and evolving threat environment. In recent years, attacks in San Diego, West Bloomfield, Grand Blanc, Jackson, Colleyville, Poway, Fort Pierce, Pittsburgh, Antioch, Oak Creek, Charleston, Washington, D.C. and other communities have shown that no faith tradition or religious institution is immune to violence or hate-motivated threats.

Many congregations want to enhance their security but struggle to find the resources they need. Best practices are scattered across different federal agencies, grants are often hard to locate or understand, and many institutions lack the staff capacity to navigate complex funding processes. As a result, too many faith-based organizations remain vulnerable despite their desire to protect their communities.

The Pray Safe Act addresses these challenges by establishing a federal clearinghouse within the Department of Homeland Security to consolidate security best practices, grant information, and training resources for houses of worship, faith-based organizations, and nonprofits. The bill does not create new mandates or compliance burdens; it simply makes resources Congress has already authorized easier to find and use, so that no congregation is left to navigate this system alone.

ADL urges the Committee to favorably report the Pray Safe Act during its upcoming markup and looks forward to its advancement.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Greenblatt', is written in a cursive style.

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