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The Honorable Deborah Lipstadt  
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Dear Ambassador Lipstadt:

Congratulations on your appointment to serve as the United States' Special Envoy to monitor and combat antisemitism. I am pleased that you have chosen to travel to Latin America, a region that the Biden Administration must prioritize, as your first official trip. In particular, your upcoming trip to Argentina, which holds the largest Jewish community in our region, will occur amid the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1994 terrorist bombing of the Argentine-Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA) building. During your trip, I urge you to meet with Argentine officials and demand a transparent and complete investigation into the death of Argentine prosecutor Alberto Nisman, who dedicated his life to fighting for justice and accountability for the fallen victims of the AMIA attack.

The AMIA bombing, which killed 85 people and wounded 300 more, remains the single, deadliest attack in Argentine history. Numerous Argentines have worked diligently to identify the culprits of this vile attack and bring them to justice. Among these, Alberto Nisman led the charge in discovering Iran and Hezbollah's role in the attacks, as well as evidence that then Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner and her government conspired to cover up Iranian involvement in the bombings. However, the day before he was scheduled to present his findings to the Argentine Congress, Nisman was found murdered in his apartment on January 18, 2015. Despite repeated attempts to find justice for Alberto Nisman, no suspects have been charged.

Rather than answering for her role in discrediting Nisman's important work and her alleged role in his death, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner is the current Vice President of Argentina. Fernandez' continued role in Argentina's government is an affront to justice and signals that antisemitic attacks can be carried out with impunity. When you testified before the Senate, you agreed that antisemitism is an ancient poison that must be rooted out, without regard to partisanship or political affiliation. The families of the AMIA terrorist attack and Alberto Nisman deserve no less than full accountability of Fernandez' potential role in obstructing justice. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio  
U.S. Senator