

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear members of the Standing Committee on Justice Policy,

Machzikei Hadas is a Modern Orthodox Synagogue located in Ottawa South with a warm atmosphere and diverse membership, welcoming all levels of observance.

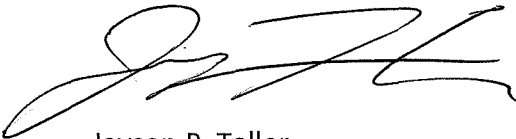
On behalf of Congregation Machzikei Hadas I would like to thank you for standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the Jewish community by voting in favour of **Bill 168: An Act to Combat Antisemitism** at second reading.

Our community is deeply concerned about the alarming rise of antisemitism. Knowing that we have the support and solidarity of our elected representatives in combating hate is meaningful and greatly appreciated by Jewish Ontarians.

We cannot properly counter antisemitism without defining it. That is why it is crucial for Ontario to use the internationally recognized definition of antisemitism. The impact of supporting Bill 168 will extend far beyond our community – we know that what starts with Jews, never ends with Jews. By supporting this Bill, you will help insulate our great province from the growing threat of hate.

We applaud your leadership and look forward to your continued support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. P. Taller', with a stylized, flowing script.

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