The Jewish Community Says "Kol HaKavod" to the Senate

The Hebrew word for thank you is "todah." But thank you is not enough today.

The Hebrew expression "Kol Hakavod," which literally means "all the honor," comes closer to how we feel. "Kol Kakavod" means that you have done something above and beyond the usual, something that demonstrates strength of purpose and commitment, something that will elevate our world.

So we say "Kol Hakavod" to the 70 United States Senators who supported final passage of the National Security Act in the early morning hours Tuesday.

After months of critical debate and negotiations, this legislation will provide **much-needed support for our democratic allies Israel and Ukraine**; It will help protect communities here at home that have been under threat from rising extremist hate by **bolstering the Nonprofit Security Grant Program**, which helps houses of worships such as churches, synagogues and mosques secure themselves; and it will provide other **important foreign and humanitarian needs.**

Rarely does a single piece of legislation carry such historic significance for our country and for the Jewish community.

This vote could not have come at a more urgent moment. Ukraine and Israel have both been subject to unprovoked and murderous attacks on their citizens. The forces that perpetrated and supported these attacks are allied against our country as well.

At the same time, foreign dollars and domestic hate groups are being deployed to harass and threaten public officials who are just going about their daily work, college students who are trying to get an education, and individuals and organizations that dare to speak out against the violence being perpetrated on women and children, against the taking of hostages, and against the sewer of antisemitism that has been opened up on social media.

In these frightening times, the Senate has taken active steps to secure the safety of people of all faiths as we gather for worship and fellowship in our communities here at home.

As leaders of the country's largest Jewish communal organizations, we say "Kol Hakavod" to:

Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	Mike Crapo (R-ID)	Joe Manchin (D-WV)	Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
Michael Bennet (D-CO)	Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)	Ed Markey (D-MA)	Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ)
Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)	Dick Durbin (D-IL)	Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	Tina Smith (D-MN)
Cory Booker (D-NJ)	Joni Ernst (R-IA)	Bob Menendez (D-NJ)	Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
John Boozman (R-AR)	John Fetterman (D-PA)	Jerry Moran (R-KS)	Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)	Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	Jon Tester (D-MT)
Laphonza Butler (D-CA)	Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	Chris Murphy (D-CT)	John Thune (R-SD)
Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	Maggie Hassan (D-NH)	Patty Murray (D-WA)	Thom Tillis (R-NC)
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	Martin Heinrich (D-NM)	Jon Ossoff (D-GA)	Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
Ben Cardin (D-MD)	John Hickenlooper (D-CO)	Alex Padilla (D-CA)	Mark Warner (D-VA)
Tom Carper (D-DE)	Mazie Hirono (D-HI)	Gary Peters (D-MI)	Raphael Warnock (D-GA)
Bob Casey (D-PA)	John Hoeven (R-ND)	Jack Reed (D-RI)	Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	Tim Kaine (D-VA)	Jim Risch (R-ID)	Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
Susan Collins (R-ME)	Mark Kelly (D-AZ)	Mitt Romney (R-UT)	Roger Wicker (R-MS)
Chris Coons (D-DE)	John Kennedy (R-LA)	Jacky Rosen (D-NV)	Ron Wyden (D-OR)
John Cornyn (R-TX)	Angus King (I-ME)	Mike Rounds (R-SD)	Todd Young (R-IN)
Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)	Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)	Brian Schatz (D-HI)	
Kevin Cramer (R-ND)	Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)	Chuck Schumer (D-NY)	

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