United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 16, 2025

Mark Zuckerberg,
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Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Mr. Zuckerberg,

We write regarding the drastic rise of antisemitic content on Meta's platforms and its artificial intelligence models. Before Congress, representatives of Meta, including yourself, have asserted Meta's responsibility in ensuring its platforms are not used to "hurt others." During a joint session of the Senate Commerce and Judiciary committees, you stated "It's not enough to just give people a voice, we have to make sure people aren't using it to hurt people."[1] When Neil Potts, Meta's current Vice President of Content Policy, testified to Congress in 2022 on antisemitism, he said: "We also recognize that bad actors may seek to use our platform in unacceptable ways, and we take our responsibility to stop them seriously as we give people a voice. We want to ensure that they are not using that voice to hurt others."[2]

In recent months, there has been a nearly fivefold increase in antisemitic behavior on Meta's platforms[3]. The rise in antisemitic content has been linked to the recent changes in community standards and content moderation practices, which were announced by Meta in January. This change in policies stands in conflict with the assurances you and others representing Meta made to Congress: that it was Meta's responsibility to ensure its platforms are not weaponized.

We are deeply concerned about the increase of hate speech and antisemitic content on Meta's platforms. Platforming antisemitic speech normalizes it and breeds further hateful speech. Additionally, online hateful conduct can and often leads to real-world violence[4]. Finally, allowing antisemitic content remaining on Meta's platforms while using that same content to

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[1] https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/04-10-18%20Zuckerberg%20Testimony.pdf
[2] https://www.c-span.org/program/public-affairs-event/social-media-executives-testify-on-reducing-hate-online/617025
[3] https://www.adl.org/resources/article/metas-hate-policy-rollback-linked-increased-antisemitism
[4] https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/economics/research/centres/cage/manage/publications/373-2018_schwarz.pdf

train Meta's AI models could lead to Meta's AI models reproducing antisemitic hate speech and promoting antisemitic conspiracy theories.[5]

With these issues in mind, we request written responses to the following questions by January 7, 2026:

1. As part of the policy changes announced by Meta in January, it is no longer automatically removing "less severe" violative content. According to a study of Meta's transparency reports, last year there were 277 million posts correctly taken down that, under Meta's new policies, would be left up[6].
   a. How does Meta plan to handle the influx of reports of violative content, assuming this number stays static?
   b. Has Meta hired additional reviewers to respond to the expected increases in reports?
   c. Are any additional mechanisms being enacted to respond to reports of violative content?
   d. What percent of posts that would have been removed under Meta's previous policies and are now being left up specifically target the Jewish community?
   e. What actions has Meta taken or does Meta plan to take to improve the timely takedown of reported violative content?

2. Please describe Meta's current review process, expected response time, and actions Meta takes once content has been reviewed.

3. In a letter to Senators Luján, Shaheen, Warren, Wyden, and Merkley in November 2024, Meta stated, "our automated systems flag and remove content that violates our policies. AI has improved to the point that it can detect violations across a wide variety of areas, often with greater accuracy than reports from users." Our staff has found examples of clear slurs on Meta's platforms that could be easily detected by keyword search and would not require an AI reasoning model in order to be identified and removed.
   a. Please detail the reasons why Meta has stopped auto-removing clearly violative antisemitic content, despite Meta's assertion that AI can now detect violations with greater accuracy than reports from users.

4. Staff have found many examples of blatant antisemitism on Meta's platforms (see Appendix) that were reported and reviewed twice. In each case, the review resulted in claiming that the content "doesn't go against [Meta's] community standards."
   a. Please confirm that the changes to Meta's content moderation policies announced in January did not include a policy change toward antisemitic content and what content violates its community standards.

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[5] https://www.businessinsider.com/elon-musk-x-grok-antisemitic-rant-sterotyping-jews-praising-hitler-2025-7?op=1

[6] https://counterhate.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/250224_More-Transparency-and-Less-Spin_FINAL.pdf [pg 5]
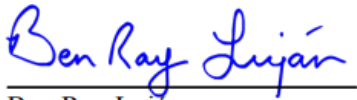
b. Does using antisemitic slurs violate Meta's community standards?

c. Does using antisemitic slurs only violate Meta's community standards when it includes language to incite violence?

d. Do antisemitic slurs only violate Meta's community standards when that content is visible to enough people? How many users does an antisemitic slur have to be visible to before Meta determines it violates community standards?

5. One study found that one week after reporting anti-Jewish hate to Group admins, 76% of content and 90% of accounts promoting anti-Jewish hate had not been removed or hidden.

   a. Does Meta take any steps to take down content, remove Admins, or limit posting in groups where violative antisemitic content is repeatedly posted?

   b. Does Meta take any steps in its content moderation practices to address the unique danger of the proliferation of violent and harmful content, especially anti-Jewish content, within Facebook Groups?

   c. With Meta's policy change to prioritize reviewing and taking down the most visible and most harmful content on its platforms, is Meta taking any steps to address the potential for harmful, violative content to proliferate on less visible parts of Meta's platforms, like private groups?

6. Is Meta taking any action to prohibit participation in Meta's creator funds, or remove and suspend profiles of individuals or pages that repeatedly post antisemitic content that violates Meta's community guidelines?

7. Does Meta train its AI models on content posted on its platforms?

   a. Does that include private content?

   b. Does that include content posted in private groups?

   c. Does that include content posted in public groups?

   d. What steps will Meta take to ensure antisemitic content that violates community standards is not included in training sets for its AI models?

8. A recent study of antisemitic content in AI models found that Meta's Llama model is the most anti-Jewish of the major models tested[7]. Given the rapid rise of antisemitic content on Meta platforms, we are concerned Meta's models will become drastically more antisemitic.

   a. Does Meta remove content or clean data sets from posted content before using them to train their AI models?

   b. What specific steps is Meta taking to reduce antisemitism in its AI models?

   c. What metrics does Meta use internally to track antisemitic content in its AI models? Please share these metrics with us.

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[7] https://www.adl.org/resources/press-release/anti-jewish-and-anti-israel-bias-found-leading-ai-models-new-adl-report

     d.   What percent improvement of these metrics will you commit to over the next 6 months?

We remain deeply concerned with Meta's failure to address antisemitic content on its platforms and potentially promote antisemitism through its AI models. Meta has an outsized role in its ability to combat antisemitism and we encourage Meta to consider how its policies and practices can be a force to unite communities and foster understanding rather than promote hate speech.

Sincerely,

Ben Ray Luján
United States Senator

Martin Heinrich
United States Senator

Jacky Rosen
United States Senator

Screenshot 1 (10:38):

Reports

11 hours ago
We reviewed bronsofrobro's comment and found that it doesn't go against our Community Standards

To keep our review process as fair as possible, we use the same set of Community Standards to review all reports.

Our team reviewed comment. They found that it does not go against our Community Standards on violence or dangerous organizations.

We understand that this might be upsetting. If you want to see less of bronsofrobro on Instagram, you can unfollow, mute or block them.

If you think we made a mistake, you can request a review of this decision within 180 days.

March 12
We received your report

We use our Community Standards to review reports. If we find that someone isn't following the guidelines, we can limit their actions on Instagram or disable their account.

Thank you, shelbyb11, for reporting this and helping us keep Instagram a safe and supportive community.

bronsofrobro Yall deserve all the terrorism

Screenshot 2 (10:37):

Reports

We reviewed woodmanhillwoodshop's comment and found that it doesn't go against our Community Standards

To keep our review process as fair as possible, we use the same set of Community Standards to review all reports.

Our team reviewed comment. They found that it does not go against our Community Standards on violence or dangerous organizations.

We understand that this might be upsetting. If you want to see less of woodmanhillwoodshop on Instagram, you can unfollow, mute or block them.

If you think we made a mistake, you can request a review of this decision within 180 days.

March 12
We received your report

We use our Community Standards to review reports. If we find that someone isn't following the guidelines, we can limit their actions on Instagram or disable their account.

Thank you, shelbyb11, for reporting this and helping us keep Instagram a safe and supportive community.

woodmanhillwoodshop The only good Israeli is a dead Israeli. Hope you get what you deserve.

Screenshot 3 (11:37):

Reports

6 hours ago
We didn't remove mudassar_jalal_rajput's comment

To keep our review process as fair as possible, we use the same set of Community Standards to review all reports.

Our team reviewed comment. They found that it does not go against our Community Standards on violence or dangerous organizations.

We understand that this might be upsetting. If you want to see less of mudassar_jalal_rajput on Instagram, you can unfollow, mute or block them.

If you think we made a mistake, you can request a review of this decision within 180 days.

March 8
We received your report

We use our Community Standards to review reports. If we find that someone isn't following the guidelines, we can limit their actions on Instagram or disable their account.

Thank you, shelbyb11, for reporting this and helping us keep Instagram a safe and supportive community.

mudassar_jalal_rajput Go back to your gas chamber with your sister 😂😂

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Reports

6 hours ago
We reviewed aziko1991's comment and found that it doesn't go against our Community Standards

To keep our review process as fair as possible, we use the same set of Community Standards to review all reports.

Our team reviewed comment. They found that it does not go against our Community Standards on harassment or bullying.

We understand that this might be upsetting. If you want to see less of aziko1991 on Instagram, you can unfollow, mute or block them.

If you think we made a mistake, you can request a review of this decision within 180 days.

March 8
We received your report

We use our Community Standards to review reports. If we find that someone isn't following the guidelines, we can limit their actions on Instagram or disable their account.

Thank you, shelbyb11, for reporting this and helping us keep Instagram a safe and supportive community.

aziko1991 Stop dancing and go back to oven 😂😂😂😂😂😂😂

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Reports

We use our Community Standards to review reports. If we find that someone isn't following the guidelines, we can limit their actions on Instagram or disable their account.

Thank you, shelbyb11, for reporting this and helping us keep Instagram a safe and supportive community.

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Request review

Screenshot 6 (5:44):

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Kikes. . . .

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