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The Honorable Laurie Davies
California State Assembly
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Dear Assemblymember Davies,

Earlier this year, we wrote to Governor Gavin Newsom requesting that the State reopen and fund the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program (CSNSGP) to support nonprofit organizations and religious institutions facing growing threats of hate-motivated violence and attacks. We are grateful that Governor Newsom heard that call and included \$40 million in his May Revise to restore this critical public safety funding.

As the Legislature considers the final State budget, we respectfully urge you to fully approve the Governor's proposed \$40 million allocation for the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

This funding could not be more important or more urgent.

Yesterday, San Diego experienced a horrific act of violence at the Islamic Center of San Diego in Clairemont. A place of worship and learning became the site of unimaginable violence, with families and children forced to flee for safety as innocent lives were tragically taken. While details of the incident continue to unfold, the tragedy is a devastating reminder that hate-fueled violence and attacks targeting religious institutions and community organizations are not abstract threats — they are happening in our communities right now.

The need for this funding extends across faiths, backgrounds, and communities. Islamic centers, Jewish institutions, churches, cultural organizations, and community nonprofits throughout California have all faced increasing threats of violence, intimidation, and hate crimes in recent years. Every Californian deserves to feel safe in their place of worship and community gathering spaces.

Programs like the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program help organizations strengthen physical security, improve emergency preparedness, enhance coordination with law enforcement, and better protect congregants, students, staff, and community members. These investments can help prevent attacks, deter violence, reduce harm, and save lives when emergencies occur.

The California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program historically provided funding for critical security enhancements, including reinforced doors and gates, access control systems, security lighting, alarms, inspection and screening systems, emergency planning, evacuation procedures, training, and contracted security services. These resources are essential for nonprofit organizations and places of worship that continue to face elevated threats across California.

As local leaders committed to public safety, we believe this funding represents a meaningful investment in protecting vulnerable communities and strengthening preparedness statewide. We respectfully ask for your support in approving the Governor's proposed \$40 million allocation for the California State Nonprofit Security Grant Program as part of the final State budget.

Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in protecting California communities.

Sincerely,



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