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Mr. Roger Cukierman
President
Conseil Représentatif des Institutions Juives de France
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FRANCE

Dear Roger,

The dramatic resurgence of anti-Semitism and Islamic radicalism in several European countries has led to an ongoing crisis of hate-fueled terrorist attacks that have already taken the lives of far too many innocent citizens. Nowhere has this been more painfully evident than in France.

On behalf of the World Jewish Congress, American Section, please know that the following Letter of Solidarity was recently signed by 9,289 of our dedicated members from across the United States and around the world who remain deeply concerned about this critical issue and will continue to stand by you and the Jewish community of France.

Dear Mr. Cukierman,

France's Jews are living in justifiable fear. This fear, when backed by real violence and constant threats – like the recent murder of four Jews at a kosher market or the frightening siege of 200 congregants at the Don Abravanel synagogue last summer – are causing Jews to make the difficult and painful decision to leave France at an unprecedented rate.

We know that those responsible for the horrific attacks in Paris didn't want to just hurt Jews – they intended to massacre freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the very cornerstone of a free, open and tolerant society. They did not and will not succeed.

Thank you for your courageous and determined leadership. I stand with you as you fight to preserve the very bedrock of your country's civil society and to oppose the intolerance and hatred that threatens the future of French Jewry.

During these perilous days, France's Jews are in my thoughts and prayers. As a member of the World Jewish Congress, American Section, I am proud to assure you that "All Jews are Responsible for One Another."

The Jewish community of France can rest assured that the World Jewish Congress stands with them and will continue to work tirelessly in the diplomatic halls of power to confront and combat this growing threat. Jews everywhere in the world must be free to live and worship as they please. Working together, we will prevail.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Lauder