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The Oakland County Republican Party (OCRCP) joins people of conscience all across the country in expressing profound dismay and disappointment with the failure of the House Democratic Caucus to squarely and vigorously condemn antisemitism and to censure freshman Rep. Ilhan Omar for her repugnant anti-Semitic slanders.

In bringing forth a redrafted and much diluted resolution that diverts attention away from the vile slurs against the Jews invoked by Rep. Omar, the Congressional Democrats have given a pass and a safe haven to the very hatred it claims to reject.

Given the frightening rise in global anti-Semitism and the escalation of hate crimes directed against Jews in this country (the FBI's latest data continues to rank Jews in the US as the most frequent targets of religiously-based hate crimes), it is a cause of great alarm that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who initially called out Rep. Omar's anti-Semitic vitriol, would neither single her out for censure nor remove her from the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

We agree with such prominent Democrats as Congressman Ted Deutch of Florida, former US Senator Joe Lieberman and former DNC Chair and Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, who have all publicly denounced House Democrats for their lack of moral fortitude in failing to aggressively check this Jew-hatred its own chambers.

We also salute Liz Cheney, House Republican Conference Chair, for her outspokenness on the lame response by her Democratic colleagues: "Today's resolution vote was a sham put forward by Democrats to avoid condemning one of their own and denouncing vile anti-Semitism," Cheney said. "Rep. Omar's comments were wrong and she has proven multiple times that she embodies a vile, hate-filled, anti-Semitic, anti-Israel bigotry," Cheney said. "She deserves to be rebuked, by name, and removed from the House Foreign Affairs Committee so that there is no mistake about the values and priorities that the House stands for."

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, world renowned for combatting hatred and anti-Semitism, reiterated its call for Rep. Omar's removal from the foreign relations committee and for a resolution that deals directly with Omar's repeated Jew-hating screeds. In a statement released right after the vote on the toothless resolution, the Center said "...casting aside the original resolution, which spoke directly to Representative Omar's refusal to own the anti-Semitism that her recent words reflect, sends a message at home and to the world that the

U.S. Congress lacks the courage to deal directly and forthrightly with anti-Jewish slanders uttered within its own house.”

The OCRP also joins the ADL in denouncing the reprehensible words of Congressman James Clyburn, who on Thursday, minimized the pain and suffering of the families of Holocaust survivors. In defending Omar, Clyburn intimated that Omar’s personal experiences having fled war-torn Somalia rendered her statements as more compelling than those of the children of Holocaust survivors. “I’m serious about that”, Clyburn said. There are people who tell me, ‘Well, my parents are Holocaust survivors.’ ‘My parents did this.’ It’s more personal with her,” Clyburn said. “I’ve talked to her, and I can tell you she is living through a lot of pain.”

The ADL called on Clyburn to retract and apologize for his remarks. “It’s offensive to diminish the suffering of survivors & the continuing pain of Jews today,” the ADL stated.

We call upon Democrats and Republicans in our Michigan Congressional delegation to insist that Omar be appropriately rebuked and stripped of her Foreign Affairs Committee Assignment. Members of Congress must act with moral clarity and resolve to demonstrate that the People’s House will never be a House of Jew-hatred.