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## Donalds Releases Remarks On Second Anniversary Of The October 7<sup>th</sup> Attacks

NAPLES, Fla. – In solidarity with Jewish Americans across the Southwest Florida region, the Sunshine State, and the nation, Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL) shared the following remarks with members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples at their Second Annual October 7<sup>th</sup> Community Remembrance Event.

Read full remarks [here](#) or below:

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### Remarks at Jewish Federation of Greater Naples "Community Remembrance Event" Naples, Florida – October 5, 2025

For years, we repeated the slogan, "Never Again." For years, we treated the horrors of the Holocaust as despicable remnants of a bygone era. For years, we never thought that in the comfort of modern society, such an evil would resurface.

Two years ago, it did... and everything changed.

In the wake of October 7<sup>th</sup>, my office was here for you. We helped Southwest Floridians evacuate Israel as the war began. We backed proposals to prevent financial aid to Iran, to sanction the sale of Iranian oil, and to authorize additional assistance to Israel by using assets confiscated from Iran. We joined legislation to condemn anti-Semitism, to recognize the US-Israel alliance, to condemn the barbarism of Hamas, to stand with Israel as they fight Hamas, to re-freeze the billions of Iranian funds released by the Biden administration, and to demand the release of all hostages held in Gaza.

But almost overnight, radicals emboldened by the actions of terrorists, released a torrent of anti-Semitism on our nation, leaving no stone unturned.

"Never Again" is more than just words in a slogan, it is a decisive call to action, and I am proud to have taken on the purveyors of this hated face-to-face.

When anti-Semitic agitators flooded Capitol Hill to harass, shout-down, and disrupt pro-Israel lawmakers, I refused to back down. With our community in mind, I took them on, I debated them on camera, and I picked-apart their indefensible arguments.

When colleges across our nation allowed mobs of anti-Semitic agitators to run roughshod over their campuses and attack Jewish students, I refused to back down. I introduced the bill to strip them of their funding for failing to uphold Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Protecting the rights of all Americans is not up for debate. It is our duty.

When anti-Semitic agitators invaded the campus of George Washington University, harassed Jewish students for their faith, and D.C. leadership cowered, I refused to back down. Alongside Jewish students and my House Oversight Committee colleagues, we walked straight through the illegal encampment, we challenged their half-baked stances, and we forced D.C. Mayor Bowser into shutting them down.

On this solemn, second anniversary of October 7<sup>th</sup>, we remember the thousands of innocent souls lost, we remember the despicable barbarism perpetrated by genocidal agents of terror, we pray for the release of all hostages, we pray for a lasting peace in the Middle East, and we pray for an end to the scourge of anti-Semitism.

The Jewish people are a resilient people. In every decade, of every century, anti-Semites have devised hateful plots seeking their demise. But they have all failed. And they will fail again.

I stand with you. Our state stands with you. And our nation stands with you.

Sincerely,

Byron Donalds  
Member of Congress

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