



DAVE SMITH, MPP
Peterborough–Kawartha

October 27, 2023
Beth Israel Synagogue
Attn: Mark Siegel
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Via Email

Mark;

I want to take this opportunity to offer my full support to the congregation of the Beth Israel Synagogue. I'm certain that the terrorist attacks conducted by Hamas on the Jewish people in Israel on October 7th have impacted the lives of everyone in your congregation. I cannot fathom the evil that must exist in an individual for them to perpetrate such a horrendous and inhumane act.

I stand behind and fully endorse the passage of Government Motion 18 in the Ontario Legislature condemning the ongoing and reprehensible attacks being carried out by the terrorist organization Hamas. On Wednesday October 18th I rose in the chamber to deliver my remarks in support of Israel and their inherent right to defend themselves against these terrorist acts.

On Thursday October 19th I again rose in the chamber to speak to Government Motion 19 to express my disapproval of, and dissociate myself from the continued disreputable conduct by the Member for Hamilton Centre. There is no place for hate in our province and no elected official should ever be given an audience or voice to spread these vile and reprehensible comments.

My office will always stand in solidarity with the State of Israel and all of the Jewish people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Smith
Member of Provincial Parliament
Peterborough Kawartha