



Statement

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State Representative George Hruza Condemns Anti-Semitic Arson Attack in Clayton

We watched in horror as young Jews were murdered in Washington, D.C., and an elderly Jewish community volunteer was burned alive in Colorado. The dramatic rise in antisemitic attacks across our country has now brought Jew-hatred violence to Missouri.

The arson attack on the morning of Tuesday, August 5, in Clayton, targeting a member of our Missouri Jewish community, is an act of pure evil. Nothing happening in the world at large can justify such a hateful act.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) global standard definition of antisemitism provides clear guidance: this incident is antisemitism, plain and simple. This act did not arise in a vacuum. Since the mass murder, torture, rapes, and hostage-taking by the terrorist group Hamas on October 7, 2023, antisemitic rhetoric has become commonplace in the United States. Tragically, with echoes of 1930s Germany, this rhetoric has fueled incitement to violence.

Representative Hruza is the son of a Holocaust survivor. He stated, "I am angry but even more committed, knowing the pain this has caused our community. I have, and will continue to fight, in the Missouri legislature to pass legislation to stamp out antisemitic behavior wherever it rears its ugly head. Never again is now."

Rep. George Hruza, a Republican, represents part of St. Louis County, (District 89) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Hruza was elected in November 2024. For more information, please contact Rep. Hruza at 573-751-1544 or by email at George.Hruza@house.mo.gov.

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