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April 9, 2013

H.E. Viktor Orbán Prime Minister Office of the Prime Minister Kossuth Lajos tér 4 1055 Budapest Hungary

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We want to express our appreciation for your quick action to prevent an egregious insult to the Hungarian Jewish community, to all participants in the March of the Living in Budapest on April 21, and to Jews throughout the world.

As you well know, the March of the Living commemorates the victims of the Holocaust, including over half a million Hungarian Jews. Of those, 320,000 men, women and children were sent directly to the gas chambers after being deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

For that reason, it would have been a terribly offensive for the Nationalist-Hearted Motorcyclists event, entitled "Turn on the Gas!", to coincide with the March of the Living on April 21 and for its motorcade to pass in front of the Dohany Street Synagogue.

Your public instruction during your remarks at the National Assembly to prevent such an outcome conveyed to all the solemnity of respectful commemoration of the Holocaust, especially at a time when voices of bigotry are growing louder in Europe.

Thank you for your immediate recognition of the problem, the swift action to resolve it, and your clear expression of the Hungarian government's position.

Abraham H. Foxman National Director

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cc: H.E. György Szapáry, Ambassador of Hungary to the United States

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