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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Sessions:

On behalf of Agudath Israel of America, I want to commend you for issuing your recent Memorandum interpreting religious liberty protections in federal law.

The Memorandum is an excellent presentation of all of the protections for religious liberty, for both individuals and religious organizations, contained in federal constitutional case law, federal statutes, and executive orders. You have produced a legal document that staunchly defends the right of individuals and organizations to receive accommodation for their religious beliefs and observances. It emphasizes the prohibitions in federal law against discrimination against individuals and organizations based on their religious beliefs and observances, and also clarifies the rights of religious organizations to receive government benefits within constitutional bounds.

As an organization that represents and advocates for the interests of the Orthodox Jewish community in the United States, and for religious liberty for all Americans, Agudath Israel greatly appreciates your work in producing this landmark Memorandum. It will surely be useful in guiding all federal agencies to ensure that religious liberty is upheld to the greatest extent possible, and help prevent any future discrimination against religious individuals and organizations. Our representatives across the country will also surely make good use of it in their advocacy efforts on behalf of the community.

Thank you for this much needed guidance.

Sincerely,

Rabbi David Zwiebel

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