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Dear Prime Minister Orbán,

On behalf of the World Jewish Congress and Jewish communities worldwide, I express our sincere gratitude to you, your government, and Minister Bóka, the official envoy to combat antisemitism, for your decision to deny entry to the members of Kneecap due to their documented history of antisemitic expression and glorification of terrorism. This decision reaffirms Hungary's zero tolerance for all forms of antisemitism.

I have long observed your government's efforts to preserve Jewish heritage, combat antisemitic violence, and maintain strong ties with Israel. Once again, you've demonstrated Hungary's commitment to ensuring Jewish life can endure with pride and safety.

At a time when hatred is increasingly masked as performance or cultural critique, your government has made it clear that antisemitism will not be tolerated. This decision affirms that freedom of expression does not include the freedom to incite hate and is a much-needed reassurance to the Jewish community that they are not alone.

For Jewish communities across Europe, this decision is deeply significant. With antisemitic incidents on the rise, your leadership affirms that national sovereignty must protect the vulnerable and reject those who seek division.

Thank you, Prime Minister, for your clarity and courage. I hope your example inspires others to follow suit.

Yours sincerely,

