

Dear Congresswoman Boebert,

We, the undersigned members of the Jewish community and constituents of other faiths who live in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, call on you to retract and apologize for your [online statement](#) trivializing the Holocaust on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 5:53am MT.

As we are sure you are aware, the Holocaust was the systematic extermination of European Jews by Nazi Germany between 1941 and 1945. This was a genocide that claimed the lives of six million Jewish people, plus an estimated six million including East Europeans, religious minorities, people with disabilities, LGBTQ people, and political dissidents through cruel and inhumane methods such as gas chambers, forced hunger and dehydration, mass shootings, torture through medical experiments, and more. Those millions of human beings were our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, relatives, friends, and loved ones, and they were taken from us in the Nazi extermination camps.

Let us be clear: trivializing the Holocaust to score cheap political points is insulting to the memory of those who were murdered, and that is what your statement calling public health workers "Needle Nazis" has done. It is insulting to Jewish people who live here in the United States, who live in Israel, and who live abroad as we combat anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish sentiment globally.

Words matter. Specifically, your words matter. As the Congresswoman of Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, you have a responsibility to represent all of us as your constituents with integrity, intellectual curiosity, and respect for all people, regardless of their faith, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or political affiliation. We as a district are still facing a public health crisis in COVID-19, and we should all be working together to save lives and stop people from dying.

This is not about politics. Fighting COVID-19 is about saving the lives of our neighbors and families. Surely you agree that as our neighbors in Mesa County face more cases of the highly contagious Delta variant than any county in Colorado, it is in our best interest as a district to do everything we can to ensure people can get themselves vaccinated and protect themselves.

What we hope you also agree with is that trivializing the Holocaust and the experience of Jewish people by offensively referring to public health workers as "Needle Nazis" does

nothing to protect our Congressional district from the COVID-19 virus. Instead, it divides us as a district and it discourages our neighbors from seeking out the very thing that would likely save their lives.

We ask you to formally apologize and retract your statement from Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 5:53am MT, and we invite you to learn more about the Holocaust so you can understand why your words were so hurtful to us as a community.

Below, you will see not just members of the Jewish faith living in Congressional District 3 undersigned, but you will also see constituents from different faiths and beliefs, and other Coloradans of the Jewish faith, including elected officials, who have signed onto this letter to stand in solidarity with us.

Sincerely,

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Bobbie Kuns, Montrose County
Brownell Landrum, Eagle County
Carl Heck, Pitkin County
Carol Pasternak, Pitkin County
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