

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joyce Oppenheimer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 12:04:50 PM

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Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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We have witnessed several high-profile events outside of synagogues in our community, such as Park East Synagogue and Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills, to reference only two. American Jews face growing threats to their safety and well-being. These include violent attacks, antisemitic conspiracy theories, and marginalization rooted in anti-Israel sentiment that often crosses into antisemitism. These incidents highlight why so many American Jews are living in fear today.

I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms Joyce Oppenheimer
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-2700

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Juda Sitt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:49:32 PM

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Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Juda Sitt
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11223-3237

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [judah RUPP](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 6:44:26 PM

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Dear Council Members,

As a very concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation and protect our freedom of religion.

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. judah RUPP
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4503

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Judah srebro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 9:05:00 PM

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Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Judah srebro
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1738

From: judith.dinowitz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Judith Dinowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:32:40 PM

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Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

I have seen the loud and aggressive crowds in some of the anti-Israel protest movements in New York City. Frankly, they scare me. If I saw them protesting close to my synagogue, I would be intimidated and deterred from going in to pray. That is wrong.

According to ADL's 2024 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents, New York State recorded 1,437 antisemitic incidents, the highest number of reported incidents in the country, representing 15% of all antisemitic incidents nationwide. Further, 68% of these documented incidents took place in the five boroughs of New York City. This alarming number of incidents requires us to take immediate action to protect the Jewish communities here in New York City.

I myself have been verbally attacked and harassed at a bus stop in New York City. This was in a Jewish neighborhood, not considered an unsafe area.

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Ms. Judith Dinowitz

[REDACTED] Kew Gardens, NY 11415-2534

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [judith katzman-Zimmerman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:32:48 PM

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Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. judith katzman-Zimmerman
[REDACTED] Bayside, NY 11364

From: [Judith Lebovits](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 7:39:52 AM



As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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The rights to speech and protest are not absolute. No one has a right to march themselves into the Oval Office and demand to exercise their freedom of speech there. And no one has a right to exercise their right to speech while impeding access to a house of worship. Restrictions on these rights in the form of flexible floating buffer zones have been repeatedly upheld by our Supreme Court and are entirely constitutionally valid.

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Opponents of this bill suggest that protests outside houses of worship enjoy some special status because activities inside those spaces "violate international law." Mayor Mamdani expressly stated after the Park East Synagogue debacle that "sacred spaces should not be used to promote activities in violation of international law." Not only is it false that the legality of activities in a space enlarge the right to protest the activity, but not one adherent to this unsupported idea -- including Mayor Mamdani -- has ever identified any law, treaty or international compact governing NYC that has been contravened by activities inside a NYC house of worship. If activities going on in houses of worship violate a law governing this City, which law is it? No one in opposition to this bill, including our Mayor, has come up with an answer.

The stalking horse of vague violations of never-identified laws do not give rise to a new elevated status for the right to speech and protest -- nor does it give rise to immunity from restriction. Please protect access to worship spaces alongside the right to free speech and protest.

Submitted,
Judith Lebovits

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From: [Judy Spira](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Balance for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:57:35 PM

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As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,

Judith Lee Spira
Brooklyn NY

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From: [Judith Tiger](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 7:41:09 AM

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As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,
Judith Tiger

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Judy Festinger](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:47:26 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

Hello there! As a particularly concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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Unfortunately we have recently witnessed several high-profile events outside of synagogues in our community, such as Park East Synagogue and Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills, to reference only two. American Jews face growing threats to their safety and well-being. These include violent attacks, antisemitic conspiracy theories, and marginalization rooted in anti-Israel sentiment that often crosses into antisemitism. These incidents highlight why so many American Jews are living in fear today, which is not the American Way, I'm certain you would agree.

I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation, please.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Judy Festinger
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4742

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Judy Gottlieb](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:37:21 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
ms Judy Gottlieb
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367

From: [Judy Gross](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Your Support Needed: Bill 0001-2026 and Worship Access
Date: Monday, March 2, 2026 11:31:13 AM

As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,
Judy Gross

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Judy Gross
Chief Financial Officer

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Judy Liff](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 10:25:46 PM

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Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Judy Liff
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-2259

From: [Judy Taylor](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:26:47 PM

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Submitted,

J Taylor

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From: [Judy Weinberger](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:27:34 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Judy Weinberger

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From: [Julie Guitman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Houses of Worship Amid Protests
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 10:45:42 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Julie Gitman

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From: [Julie Kopel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:02:24 PM

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As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,
Julie Kopel

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Julius Adler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:54:31 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Julius Adler
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-1674

From: [June Feigelman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 7:40:56 AM

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Submitted,

June Feigelman
Merrick, NY

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From: [Justin Hedvat](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:50:01 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [K Mandel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:24:29 PM

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Sincerely,
Miss K Mandel
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6503

From: [Kami Boudai](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Solution for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:48:13 PM

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KAMI BOUDAI

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Karen Blumberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:20:20 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Karen Blumberg
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10027-6828

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Balancing Rights and Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:24:17 PM

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Karen Brenner

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Karen Hofstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:23:42 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Ms. Karen Hofstein

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-3512

From: [Karen Kosowsky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:24:28 PM

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Dr Karen Kosowsky

From: [Karen Nir](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Step Towards Protecting Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 10:07:33 AM

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Karen

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Karen Olshan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:15:59 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Karen Olshan
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-5632

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Karen Spekman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:29:33 PM

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Mrs. Karen Spekman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-4131

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Katalin Kozlik](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:15:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Katalin Kozlik
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-1606

From: [Kate Eichel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:09:14 PM

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Kate Eichel

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From: [Kathy Kaufman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 11:37:39 AM

[REDACTED]

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From: [DAVID MOGHIMI](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:57:42 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Keren GURSHUMOV](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 10:26:31 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Keren GURSHUMOV
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4217

From: [khadija](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] re: COMMITTEE TO COMBAT HATE / NO BUFFER BILLS
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 10:00:11 AM
Attachments: [NO BUFFER BILLS.pdf](#)

Dear Elected Officials and all New Yorkers,

I'm writing in sincere and strong opposition to Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz's proposed bills around places of worship and educational facilities. I urge all of you to vote against them.

First and foremost, these bills are not needed. Plenty of laws already exist to keep New Yorkers safe. It is common knowledge that, should criminal acts or hate crimes occur, the perpetrator will be arrested and face criminal charges. During the several-hours-long hearing, not one crime was mentioned to justify these new laws. There is no problem to solve by criminalizing free speech. Perceived safety concerns are not a reason to strip New Yorkers of their right to protest. Beyond that, to give the NYPD power to act based on perceived feelings of perceived unsafety puts all New Yorkers at risk. It is fascist and it is dangerous.

Beyond that, New Yorkers know full well that these bills are racist. They embody the Palestine exception. If anything, they are designed to shield Israeli settler recruitment, illegal land theft in Palestine, and quash critique of the Israeli occupation. Just yesterday, a Gallup poll showed the majority of Americans sympathize with Palestinians. If the problem of protesting for Palestinian rights is something to solve, the true solution is preventing American complicity in war crimes, illegal occupation and land theft.

I urge all council members to vote against all proposed buffer bills (including int 001 and int 175A). It is the precise duty of elected members of our City Council to protect the right of New Yorkers' to protest and practice for our freedom of speech and assembly.

Khadija Abuyousif
Brooklyn

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kristina Exline-Manson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 12:16:33 PM

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Mrs. Kristina Exline-Manson
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-4692

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [L. Rothberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. L Rothberg
[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-5412

From: [Lara Fastman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stand with Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:38:32 PM

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Submitted,

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From: [Larry Schwartz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Approve Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Rights
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:53:26 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Larry Schwartz

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Laszlo Kern](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 6:59:07 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Laszlo Kern
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10314-4116

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Laura Krakauer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 10:21:45 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.
Please help stop the fear.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Laura Krakauer
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11220-2343

From: [Lauren Waxman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:40:48 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Lauren Waxman

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Laurie Kopciel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 5:34:43 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,
Ms Laurie Kopciel
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1235

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Laurie Lederman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 1:35:44 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Laurie Zucker Lederman

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Ms. Laurie Lederman
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-5760

From: [Laurie Mulman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Solution for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:31:57 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Laurie Mulman 10901

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Laurie Tobias-Cohen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:47:46 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Laurie Tobias-Cohen
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-2219

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lawrence Greenstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:21:52 PM

[REDACTED]

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Lawrence Greenstein

Sincerely,
Mr Lawrence Greenstein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-6601

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lea Mohadeb](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:29:05 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lea Mohadeb
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230

From: [Leah Fischler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:33:09 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Leah Fischler

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leah Fogel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:32:56 PM

[REDACTED]

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As a mother, I want my children to be safe and feel safe when they attend synagogue. With the recent increase in anti-Semitism, it is essential that action is taken to prevent attacks.

I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Leah Fogel
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6605

From: [Leah](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Step Towards Protecting Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:28:41 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Leah Furman
leahfurman.com

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leah Karr](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:42:15 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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I have lived in NYC my entire life and I am currently raising my children here. I want my family and friends to feel safe entering and exiting our houses of worship.

I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Leah Karr

Sincerely,
Mrs. Leah Karr
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-1707

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leah M Steinmetz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:15:26 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs Leah M Steinmetz
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-3301

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leah Meisels](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:41:28 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Leah Meisels
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1565

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leah Sauber](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:48:04 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs Leah Sauber

[REDACTED] Lakewood, NJ 08701-5733

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leah Zytman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:03:22 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Leah Zytman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-4732

From: [Lee](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Protest
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 10:18:34 AM

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Submitted,

From: [MURRAY BARUCH](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Call for Balanced Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:09:53 PM

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Submitted,
Leonard Baruch

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leonard Freifelder](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:41:36 AM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Leonard Freifelder
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-4135

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Leonard Pollack](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:17:08 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Leonard Pollack
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-5220

From: [Leonor Katz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:54:49 PM



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Submitted,

Leonor Katz



From: [Leslie Dubin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 8:08:23 AM

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Submitted,

Leslie Dubin

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From: [Leslie Stillman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:52:19 PM

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Leslie Stillman

From: [Michael Tuchman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Rights
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:25:58 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Leslie Tuchman

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Levi Guttman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:26:39 AM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you today as a deeply concerned resident of New York City to express my unwavering support for Int. 0001-2026. This critical legislation would mandate that the Police Commissioner develop a comprehensive plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across our five boroughs.

In an era of rising tensions, the ability to practice one's faith in peace is under direct threat. According to the ADL's 2024 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents, New York State remains the national epicenter of this crisis, recording 1,437 incidents—the highest in the country. Alarming, 68% of these occurred right here in New York City. These are not just statistics; they represent a pervasive atmosphere of fear that dictates whether a family feels safe walking into their synagogue on a Saturday morning.

We have moved past the point of theoretical concern. We have witnessed targeted, high-profile activity outside sacred spaces like Park East Synagogue and Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills. When protesters are permitted to congregate directly at the thresholds of these institutions, it often crosses the line from free speech into targeted intimidation and harassment.

By passing Int. 0001-2026, the City Council will provide a necessary, neutral buffer zone that protects the First Amendment rights of worshippers. This bill is about more than logistics; it is about ensuring that "sanctuary" remains a reality for all New Yorkers. It allows the NYPD to move from a reactive posture to a proactive, standardized safety plan, ensuring that every New Yorker can enter their house of worship without navigating a gauntlet of hostility.

I urge you to prioritize the safety of our religious communities and vote in favor of Int. 0001-2026. Our city must send a clear message that while we value the right to protest, we will never tolerate the intimidation of people of faith.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to the safety of all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,
Mr. Levi Guttman

[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-3157

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lewis Genuth](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:11:25 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation. Hate cannot hide behind false first amendment claims nor does it override the right to freedom of worship

Sincerely,
Dr Lewis Genuth
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230

From: [Lexie Tuchman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:40:44 PM

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Submitted,

Lexie

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From: [Libbe Englander](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:39:31 PM



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Libbe L Englander, Ph.D.



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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lillie Epner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:55:06 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Lillie Epner
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11234-6005

From: [Lilly Icikson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:18:10 PM

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Submitted,
L. Icikson
NY, NY 10028

From: lindakatz58@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Katz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:33:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Linda Katz
[REDACTED] Kew Gardens, NY 11415

From: [LINDA KAZLOW](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 10:18:45 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Linda Kazlow

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To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:41:36 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Linda Rabino

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-5548

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Linoy Perkal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:03:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Linoy Perkal
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-1603

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lior Kleinman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:15:39 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Lior Kleinman
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-2053

From: [Chaim Abittan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:30:08 PM

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Submitted,

Lisa abittan
Woodmere ny

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lisa Appel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 11:17:45 AM

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To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:15:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Lisa Cohen
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4603

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lisa Davidson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:52:27 PM

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Thank you very much, in advance, for your understanding and help.

Lisa Davidson
Brooklyn Resident

Sincerely,
Miss Lisa Davidson
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4222

From: [Lisa Ganey](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 12:16:32 AM

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Submitted,
Lisa Gee

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From: [DAVID GREEN](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Balancing Rights and Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:26:37 PM

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Submitted,
Lisa Kane Green

From: [Lisa Wolf](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:08:12 PM



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Submitted,

From: [Liza Tacher](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:17:33 PM



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Submitted,

From: [Loren Greene](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Support Bill 0001-2026: Balancing Free Speech and Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:16:28 PM

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Submitted,
Loren Greene MD
Doctor in NYC and resident in NYC

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From: [Lori & Glenn Kaufman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:59:49 PM

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Submitted,

Lori Greifer LCSW

From: [Savta Fein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Step Towards Protecting Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:48:29 PM

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Submitted,

Lorrie Fein
Brooklyn. 11236

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lucy Czermak](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:50:41 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs Lucy Czermak
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-3637

From: [Lynn Pollak Golumbic](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding the Right to Worship
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 8:51:55 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Lynn Pollak
Little Neck 11362

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lynn Roddy](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 5:08:03 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Lynn Roddy

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-7152

From: [Lynne Shine](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:34:04 PM

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Lynne R Shine

From: [Lynette Gruenhut](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Your Support Needed: Bill 0001-2026 and Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 12:32:14 PM

[REDACTED]

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Lynette Gruenhut

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: 10009
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:24:58 PM

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Submitted,
M Mullins 10009

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [M.K](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Balancing Rights and Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 6:23:52 AM

[REDACTED]

As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,

M. Kaufman

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My name is Madaline King.

I write to you in opposition to Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz's proposed bills around places of worship and educational facilities, and urge City Councilmembers to vote against them.

In tandem with Governor Hochul's proposed buffer zone laws, these bills embody the Palestine exception to free speech: they have been invoked explicitly to target pro-Palestine protests. The proposed places of worship proposal is intended to derail scrutiny around the city's protection of illegal sales of stolen Palestinian land. The educational facilities bill is intended to criminalize protests on college campuses. Both would criminalize First Amendment-protected speech and assembly.

Because places of worship and educational facilities are everywhere, these bills would make most of the city off-limits to protest — prohibiting and proscribing countless demonstrations. Protest at places of worship has also been essential to reproductive health and queer activism, rooted in the principle that no institution is exempt from public accountability. Free speech protections cannot be selectively applied.

For years, New Yorkers have sought to bring attention to the illegal sale of Palestinian land at settler recruitment fairs held in houses of worship and educational facilities. These events violate the federal Fair Housing Act, New York's Human Rights Law, Real Estate License Law, and Real Property Law, as well [Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention](#). Rather than addressing these flagrant violations, these bills silence and punish New Yorkers, further exposing us to police brutality, and distract from grave legal violations.

Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz's final-hour amendment should not be counted as a victory. In fact, they deputize the New York Police Department, and its delinquent record of violence against Black, brown and muslim residents of the city, with even more power to decide when protest is permissible and when it isn't. The conflation of sites of worship and illegal land sales is one made by Zionists in our communities as they attempt to shield themselves from scrutiny using claims of anti-semitism. But the truth remains that these illegal land sales displace Palestinians. Under the violence of lawfare here and in occupied Palestine, Palestinians in the West Bank are left with no legal recourse to stay in their homeland, and I strongly object to the mobilization of our city's resources to abet ethnic cleansing.

These bills would also dramatically increase police presence at these locations, becoming another tool for surveillance, mass arrests, and selective enforcement — especially against communities of color. The proposals mirror the FACE Act, which the Trump administration is now weaponizing to prosecute anti-ICE and pro-Palestine protesters and journalists alike, accelerating the national criminalization of dissent.

I urge all council members to vote against these bills. It is the precise duty of elected members of our City Council to protect the right of New Yorkers' to protest and practice for our freedom of speech and assembly.

From: [Mrs. Mahomoud Alkhatib](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:26:19 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Mrs. Alkhatib

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Maimon Elbaz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 6:24:03 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Maimon Elbaz
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mak Gross](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:16:12 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent and a Team Manager in our Synagogue's security team, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support of Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Mak Gross
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11365-3211

From: [Malka Abrams](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:18:19 PM



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Submitted,

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [malka Alt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:31:48 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. malka Alt
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Malka Kay](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:23:16 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Malka Kay

[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-3907

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Malka Lesser](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:42:33 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Miss Malka Lesser
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-1406

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Malka Wender](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:25:12 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Malka Wender
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-3129

From: [Malki Sinensky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces from Disruption
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:15:38 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Malki Sinensky

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marc Dorwitt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:47:35 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr Marc Dorwitt
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-1327

From: [marc kramer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Your Voice Matters: Support Bill 0001-2026 for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:28:44 PM



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Submitted,

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [marc masri](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:16:17 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. marc masri
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-4803

From: [Marc Popowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:13:49 PM



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Submitted,

Marc Popowitz

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From: [Marc Skobac](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Join Us in Supporting Bill 0001-2026: Protect Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:25:17 PM

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Submitted,

Marc

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marcia Deitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:14:21 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Dr. Marcia Deitz
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6453

From: [Marcy Debson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Solution for Worship and Protest
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:35:56 PM

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Submitted,

Marcy Debson

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marcy Gray](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 9:07:22 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Marcy Gray

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Margalith Greenstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:22:56 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs Margalith Greenstein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-6601

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship from Protest Disruption
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:44:34 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Margaret Benhamu
Brooklyn NY 11229

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Margie Nussbaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 8:39:34 AM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Margie Nussbaum
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6715

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mariasha Dean](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 12:12:20 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Mariasha Dean
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11225-4406

From: [Marilyn Moed](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:09:33 PM

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Submitted,
Marilyn Moed

From: [Marina Gonik](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding the Right to Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:03:41 PM

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Submitted,
Marina

From: bmzweiter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Marion Zweiter](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:24:08 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marion Zweiter

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-1521

From: [Marisa Shemi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Your Voice Matters: Support Bill 0001-2026 for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:16:45 PM

[REDACTED]

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Please protect access to worship spaces alongside the right to free speech and protest.

Best,
Marisa Shemi

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mark Abady](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:05:08 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Abady
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11223-4726

From: [Mark Badash](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces and Free Speech Rights
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:33:48 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

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Regards

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Murray Baruch](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:11:09 PM

[REDACTED]

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Mark Baruch

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mark Berger](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:18:38 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Berger
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-1732

From: [Mark Sokolow](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:50:28 PM

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Mark I. Sokolow
[REDACTED]
Cedarhurst, NY 11516
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mark Kaiman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:13:47 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Kaiman
[REDACTED] Spring Valley, NY 10977-1022

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mark Nadel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 3:03:29 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Nadel
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-6472

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mark Nass](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:07:29 PM

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Everyone should ALWAYS be able to attend Services to worship whatever religion he or she chooses, and without any fear from unruly mobs. The protesters need to literally take a step back and think a bit about what nonsense they are spewing by making worship difficult, if not impossible, for anyone.

I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Nass

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4111

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mark Platnick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:12:51 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Platnick
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, Ny 11210

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mark Sapoznick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:36:09 PM

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Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Sapoznick
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-5426

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:55:06 PM

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Submitted,
Marla Sheffer
12065

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Marla Sheffer
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marlene Mordowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 5:37:38 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Marlene Mordowitz
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367

From: [Marlene Yahalom](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:05:03 PM

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Marlene W. Yahalom

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please read
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:20:07 PM

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Submitted,
Marni Brand 11215

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From: [Marsha Liebert](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:01:14 PM



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Submitted,
Marsha Liebert

From: [Marshall Mintz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:30:29 PM

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Submitted,

Thank you,
Marshall (Moshe) Mintz
US cell phone [REDACTED]
Israeli cell phone [REDACTED]
Israel Landline [REDACTED]

From: [Martin Griffel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:41:17 PM

[REDACTED]

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Martin Griffel

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Martin Lehrman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:52:49 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Martin Lehrman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-2446

From: [Private User](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: A Call for Balanced Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:42:02 PM

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Submitted,

Marty Lawlor
Rochester, NY

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Marvin Kohn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:25:36 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr Marvin Kohn
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11234-2708

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mary Millman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:22:36 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms Mary Millman
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10075-0337

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] About Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 9:08:40 AM

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Submitted,
Mary Roth

From: [Dave Dave](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Step Towards Protecting Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:30:51 PM

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Submitted,

Matahn Pollack

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Matthew Semble](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:06:17 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Matthew Semble
[REDACTED] Forest Hills, NY 11375-2001

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Matthew Steinberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 12:28:10 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr Matthew Steinberg

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11217-1701

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [matthew steinmetz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:22:24 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. matthew steinmetz
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-3746

From: [Maureen Herman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Protect Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:30:17 PM



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Submitted,

From: [Maury Lipson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] "Restore 100" Buffer Zone" Bill
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 5:13:25 PM

Dear Council Members,

Please restore the 100-foot safety buffer around houses of worship just like there are around abortion clinics. Antisemitic incidents continue to make up the largest share of NYC hate crimes, according to NYPD data, and protests outside synagogues in places like Boro Park and near Central Park East have blocked entrances and intimidated congregants and attendees.

This is a content-neutral public safety measure – not a restriction on speech. New Yorkers should not have to walk through hostile crowds to enter a house of worship or attend an event.

Protect safe access. Restore the 100-foot buffer as the bill was originally drafted.

Respectfully,

-- **Maury Lipson**
Brooklyn NY

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Max Anteby](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:16:30 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Max Anteby
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6901

From: [Max Weingast](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:27:31 PM

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Submitted,
FUCK SCUMDANI

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From: [Maxine Kosofsky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Balance for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:32:51 PM



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Submitted,

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [May F](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:25:39 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs May F

[REDACTED] Oakland Gardens, NY 11364-3515

From: [Mayya Levit](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Houses of Worship Amid Protests
Date: Monday, March 2, 2026 9:29:50 AM

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From: mehronpa@aol.com
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Championing Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:14:05 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Meir Friedland](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:04:46 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Meir Friedland

[REDACTED] Belle Harbor, NY 11694-1318

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Meir Pick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:13:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Meir Pick
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11223-2222

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Meir Rosenbloom](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:15:12 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Meir Rosenbloom
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11234-3431

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Meir Wikler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:29:41 PM

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Dear Council Members,

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Thank you, again, for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
Dr. Meir Wikler
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1119

From: [Melanie Greene](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship from Protest Disruption
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 6:38:51 PM

[REDACTED]

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Melanie Greene

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From: [mbt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Bill 001-2026 Buffer Zones around Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:15:13 AM

Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in person yesterday concerning Bill 001-2026 regarding buffer zones around houses of worship. My name is Melinda Thaler and I am general counsel to West Side Community Organization, a civic group focused on community affairs. We strongly support these bills. I want to address two arguments raised by those opposing the floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,

Melinda B. Thaler
West Side Community Organization
[REDACTED]
NY, NY 10023

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Your Voice Matters: Support Bill 0001-2026 for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:58:50 PM

[REDACTED]

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Melissa Keetley

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From: [Melissa Levine](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces from Disruption
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:26:58 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Melissa Levine, DDS
10028

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Melissa Levine

From: [Melodie Rosenfeld](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] YES for Bill 0001-2026: Protect Houses of Worship
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 12:56:15 AM

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Melvin Siegel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:54:22 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Melvin Siegel
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11358-1624

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Menachem Schachter](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 9:57:10 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Menachem Schachter
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mendel Rosenbaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 5:05:43 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mendel Rosenbaum
[REDACTED] Linden, NJ 07036-3805

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mendel Steiner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:15:02 PM

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Sincerely,
Rabbi Mendel Steiner
[REDACTED] NY11219 Brooklyn, NY 11219-2634

From: MendyRothchild@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mendy Rothchild](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:52:28 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mendy Rothchild
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11249-7601

From: [Merrill](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:30:28 PM

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Submitted,
Merrill Cohen

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From: [mgadv1](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Championing Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:39:59 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Fertig](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 10:50:33 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Michael Fertig
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-5437

From: [Michael Gilbert](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:16:00 PM

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Submitted,

Michael Gilbert
White Plains, NY 10605

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Greenspan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:51:05 PM

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Mr. Michael Greenspan
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-5437

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Israel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:10:14 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Michael Israel
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1210

From: [MICHAEL MILLER](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 8:48:44 AM

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You need this to reinforce people's freedom of religion and the ability to practice their faith without fear, and in peace.

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Reiser](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:12:45 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Michael Reiser
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11234-3403

From: [msa098](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:38:12 PM

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Submitted,

Michael S. Alterescu
North Woodmere, N.Y.

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [MICHAEL SAKHAEI](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:54:17 PM

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Sincerely,
MR MICHAEL SAKHAEI
[REDACTED] Great Neck, NY 11023-2333

From: [Michael Zimmerman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship from Protest Disruption
Date: Monday, March 2, 2026 2:39:41 PM

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Sent from a mobile device. Please excuse any typos.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding the Right to Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:11:30 PM

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Michelle B.

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From: [Michelle Goldstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Protest
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:24:31 PM

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Submitted,

Michelle Goldstein

From: [Michelle Mizrachi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Houses of Worship Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:25:56 PM

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From: [Michelle Samuels](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 10:12:37 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mike Orlik](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:32:55 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mike Orlik
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11234-4449

My name is Miles Greenblatt and I am a member of Jewish Voice for Peace.

I am writing in opposition to Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz's proposed bills around places of worship and educational facilities, and urge City Councilmembers to vote against them.

In tandem with Governor Hochul's proposed buffer zone laws, these bills embody the Palestine exception to free speech: they have been invoked explicitly to target pro-Palestine protests. The proposed places of worship proposal is intended to derail scrutiny around the city's protection of illegal sales of stolen Palestinian land. The educational facilities bill is intended to criminalize protests on college campuses. Both would criminalize First Amendment-protected speech and assembly.

For years, New Yorkers have sought to bring attention to the illegal sale of Palestinian land at settler recruitment fairs held in houses of worship and educational facilities. These events violate the federal Fair Housing Act, New York's Human Rights Law, Real Estate License Law, and Real Property Law, as well [Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention](#). Rather than addressing these flagrant violations, these bills silence and punish New Yorkers, further exposing us to police brutality, and distract from grave legal violations.

Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz's final-hour amendment should not be counted as a victory. The use of sites of worship for illegal land sales is a desecration of what should be sacred space, yet the practice is defended by leveling claims of anti-semitism against those who stand for the rule of law. The truth remains that these illegal land sales displace Palestinians. Under the violence of lawfare here and in occupied Palestine, Palestinians in the West Bank are left with no legal recourse to stay in their homeland, and I strongly object to the mobilization of our city's resources to abet ethnic cleansing.

These bills would also dramatically increase police presence at these locations, becoming another tool for surveillance, mass arrests, and selective enforcement. The proposals mirror the FACE Act, which the Trump administration is now weaponizing to prosecute anti-ICE and pro-Palestine protesters and journalists alike, accelerating the national criminalization of dissent.

I urge all council members to vote against these bills. It is the precise duty of elected members of our City Council to protect the right of New Yorkers' to protest and practice for our freedom of speech and assembly.

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mina Becher](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:18:45 PM

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Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mina Becher
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-3602

From: [Mindy Moskowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Balancing Free Speech and Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:59:17 PM

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Submitted,
Mindy Moskowitz

From: [Mindy Werner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:50:16 PM

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Submitted,

Mindy Werner
Brooklyn, NY

From: [Mira B](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship from Protest Disruption
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:46:41 PM

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Mira BL

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mirasha Moore](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:02:07 AM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Mirasha Moore
[REDACTED] Scarsdale, NY 10583-6747

From: [Mirele Rosenberger](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:35:56 PM

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As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,

Mirele Rosenberger

From: [Miriam Ferris](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:59:12 PM



As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,

Miriam Ferris

Camp Gan Israel

Chabad of the East Bay

Berkeley, CA

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From: [Miriam Flaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces and Free Speech Rights
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:07:48 PM

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As a NYS resident and voter, I am submitting this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. This legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving the right to lawful protest. I would like to respectfully address two arguments raised in opposition regarding floating buffer zones.

First, the rights to speech and protest are not absolute. Just as there is no right to enter the Oval Office to exercise free speech, there is no right to exercise speech in a manner that impedes access to a house of worship. Restrictions in the form of flexible floating buffer zones have been repeatedly upheld by the Supreme Court and are constitutionally valid.

Second, opponents suggest that protests outside houses of worship enjoy a special status because activities inside those spaces allegedly "violate international law." Mayor Mamdani stated after the Park East Synagogue incident that "sacred spaces should not be used to promote activities in violation of international law." However, the perceived legality of activities within a space does not enlarge the right to protest those activities. Furthermore, neither the Mayor nor any other opponent has identified a specific law, treaty, or international compact governing NYC that has been contravened. If these activities violate a law governing this city, it remains unidentified.

Vague claims of legal violations do not grant an elevated status to the right to protest, nor do they provide immunity from reasonable restrictions. I ask that you protect access to worship spaces alongside the right to free speech and protest.

Submitted,

Miriam Flaum

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Miriam Fonfeder](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:18:12 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms. Miriam Fonfeder
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-2914

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [miriam Garfinkel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:53:01 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. miriam Garfinkel
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10314-4323

From: [Miriam Gerassi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:56:05 PM



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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Miriam Klein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 7:49:15 PM

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Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,

Miriam Klein

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miriam Klein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-4142

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Miriam Levsky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:31:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Miss Miriam Levsky
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-3311

From: [Miriam](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:24:37 PM

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Miriam Lichter

[REDACTED]
Far Rockaway, NY 11691

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Miriam Lieber](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:45:08 PM

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Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,
Miss Miriam Lieber
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-5229

From: [Miriam Peskowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 7:42:58 PM

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Submitted,

Miriam Peskowitz

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Miriam Reinman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:06:59 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Miriam Reinman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-3715

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Miriam Shonek](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:18:46 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Miriam Shonek
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4718

From: mirdreyfuss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Miriam Student](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:31:54 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miriam Student
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-3158

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Miriam Weissmandl](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:16:41 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Miriam Weissmandl
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6401

From: [Mishkan Sprenger](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Feb 25th Committee to Combat Hate Hearing
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 9:57:15 AM

[REDACTED]

I am a New York City resident and am writing to submit testimony for the Feb 25th Committee to Combat Hate Hearing.

It is critical that NYC City Council pass the legislative package which includes voting YES on:

Introduction 1-A, sponsored by Speaker Julie Menin, requiring the NYPD to develop and publish a response plan for when there are credible concerns of injury, intimidation, or restriction of movement that prevent access to houses of worship.

Introduction 22, sponsored by Majority Leader Shaun Abreu, requiring the Department of Education to distribute materials to students about the risks of social media and online hate.

Introduction 165, sponsored by Council Member Eric Dinowitz, requiring the NYPD to report on the status of hate crime cases to improve transparency and accountability.

Introduction 175-A, sponsored by Council Member Eric Dinowitz, requiring the NYPD to develop and publish a response plan for when there are credible concerns of injury, intimidation, or restriction of movement that prevent access to schools.

Introduction 297, sponsored by Council Member Virginia Maloney, requiring emergency planning for religious institutions.

Introduction 327, sponsored by Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, reimbursing nonpublic schools for the cost of video surveillance cameras.

Introduction 388, sponsored by Council Member Lincoln Restler, establishing a hotline and detailed reporting system for antisemitism and other hate- and bias-related incidents.

We MUST stop hate in NYC, and provide NY'ers of ALL faiths the opportunity to exercise their freedom of religion, including being able to attend their places of worship free from intimidation, hate, fear, danger, and trauma. The first amendment was never meant to override or cancel other U.S. Constitutional amendments such as the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause!

We want to protect everyone attending houses of worship and schools for the safety of ALL New Yorkers. NYC is at its best when we join together to combat hate.

Please vote YES for all the above bills!

Thank you
Mishkan Jeanne Sprenger

[REDACTED]
NY NY. 10016

From: [Mishkan Sprenger](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship and Free Speech
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 9:41:55 AM

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As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Opponents of this bill suggest that protests outside houses of worship enjoy some special status because activities inside those spaces "violate international law." Mayor Mamdani expressly stated after the Park East Synagogue debacle that "sacred spaces should not be used to promote activities in violation of international law." Not only is it false that the legality of activities in a space enlarge the right to protest the activity, but not one adherent to this unsupported idea -- including Mayor Mamdani -- has ever identified any law, treaty or international compact governing NYC that has been contravened by activities inside a NYC house of worship. If activities going on in houses of worship violate a law governing this City, which law is it? No one in opposition to this bill, including our Mayor, has come up with an answer.

The stalking horse of vague violations of never-identified laws do not give rise to a new elevated status for the right to speech and protest -- nor does it give rise to immunity from restriction. Please protect access to worship spaces alongside the right to free speech and protest.

Submitted,
Mishkan Jeanne Sprenger
NY, NY. 10016

From: [ramanagar](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:05:04 PM



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Submitted,

Mitch Schindler, NY 11552
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mitchell Coopersmith](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:46:09 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Mitchell Coopersmith
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-3639

From: [Mitch Gelnick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship from Protest Disruption
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 12:10:38 PM

[REDACTED]

As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,

Mitchell Gelnick

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Moishe Laufer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 12:35:28 AM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,
Mr. Moishe Laufer
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-2726

From: [Mona Goldstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent! Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces and Free Speech Rights
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:33:53 PM

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Mona Goldstein
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mordechai Fasten](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:09:55 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mordechai Fasten
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-4825

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mordechai Schloss](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:50:02 PM

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Sincerely,
Rabbi Mordechai Schloss
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4507

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mordechai smith](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:26:30 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mordechai smith
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-2385

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mordechai Steinberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:52:53 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Mordechai Steinberg
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1159

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [mordy kirshenbaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:14:19 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. mordy kirshenbaum
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6716

From: moshe.axelrod@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Moshe Axelrod](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 11:39:51 AM

[REDACTED]

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I was born and raised in NYC (my family has been in NYC over a century). I remember a violent subway, I remember the crown heights riots, I remember a dangerous Times Square, I remember 9/11 (I watched the plumes of smoke rise while standing on Amsterdam Avenue in Harlem), I remember hurricane Sandy.

This extreme rise in anti-Jewish activities, as noted above, and the proximity of aggressive protest events to Jewish houses of worship is not just a crisis for the Jewish community but for all residents of NYC who believe in human dignity and the free exercise of religion. No one's political freedom is abridged by moving a protest some distance from a house of worship. No law requires that a protest be immediately outside a venue. However, to allow protests, especially where ethnic slurs and intimidation are practiced, outside of a house of worship is to abridge the American right to worship by preventing ingress to and egress from such spaces.

I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr Moshe Axelrod

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4079

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Moshe Goodman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:33:18 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Moshe Goodman
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-1764

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Moshe Gottlieb](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:51:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Moshe Gottlieb
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-5806

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Moshe Greenberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:43:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Moshe Greenberg
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-5115

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Moshe Gurwitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:03:22 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Moshe Gurwitz
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-3730

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Moshe Liberman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:18:55 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Moshe Liberman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11234-2620

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Moshe Miller](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:48:16 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Moshe Miller
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Moshe Neuman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:05:18 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Moshe Neuman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-1823

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Moshe Rosenzweig](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 11:26:07 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Moshe Rosenzweig
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-3176

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mozelle Seruya](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 10:54:49 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs Mozelle Seruya
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11223-1965

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [E.C](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:51:08 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. E C

[REDACTED] Woodmere, NY 11598-1237

From: [K.L](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Houses of Worship. Please read now!!
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 4:12:30 AM

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As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,

Ms. Leinson

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Myra Srebro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:34:49 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Myra Srebro
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-2935

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nachman Borenstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:42:17 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Nachman Borenstein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1358

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nachum GREENSPAN](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 6:20:05 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Nachum GREENSPAN
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-4914

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nachum Tzvi Geltzer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:30:32 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

As a concerned person living in New York City, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is absolutely critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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Sincerely,
Mr. Nachum Tzvi Geltzer
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-3265

From: [Naema sharon](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces and Free Speech Rights
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:54:07 PM

[REDACTED]

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Naema Sharon

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nancy Adelson](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 10:19:57 AM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Nancy Adelson
[REDACTED] NY10013 New York, NY 10013-2460

From: [naomi hillel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:15:08 PM

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Naomi Hillel

From: naomilevitin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Naomi Levitin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:28:50 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Naomi Levitin

[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4463

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Naomi Mark](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:47:01 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms Naomi Mark
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-3535

From: [Naomi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Your Support Needed: Bill 0001-2026 and Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:39:37 PM



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Submitted,
Naomi Ostrow
11598

From: [Naomi Rosenblum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Balancing Safety and Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:59:59 PM

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Submitted,

Naomi Rosenblum
Director of Administration, Rambam Mesivta

From: [Naomi Sandel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:16:26 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [NAOMI STERNBERG](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:30:26 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. NAOMI STERNBERG
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-5545

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Balance for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:01:22 PM

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Submitted,
Naomi Sternberg
11691

From: [Natalie Maksin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Free Speech
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 11:15:16 AM

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Natalie Maksin

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From: [Natalya Malamud](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 11:22:20 AM

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Submitted,

Natalya Malamud

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My name is Natasha, I am an organizer with Shoresh, an organization of anti-Zionist Israelis dedicated to justice for all between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. I am Israeli-American, born and raised here in New York City to two Israeli expats. I am writing to oppose Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz's proposed bills around places of worship and educational facilities, and urge City Councilmembers to vote against [Int 0001-2026](#) and [Int 0175-2026](#).

The bills, alongside Governor Hochul's similar buffer zone [proposal](#), are blatantly designed to discourage public opposition to Israel. The proposed places of worship proposal is intended to derail scrutiny around the city's protection of illegal sales of stolen Palestinian land, which often occur in synagogues or Jewish community spaces. The educational facilities bill is intended to criminalize protests on college campuses, which notoriously include large numbers of Jewish students. Places of worship and educational facilities are everywhere, so these bills would make most of the city off-limits to protest — prohibiting countless demonstrations in the future. Both bills criminalize First Amendment-protected speech and assembly, playing directly into the hands of Trump's administration at a time when we desperately need to protect that right.

Land sales (by organizations such as Tivuch Shelly, which recently held an event in New York) directly advertise their mission of establishing English-speaking communities - illegal settlements - in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. These events violate American laws - the federal Fair Housing Act, New York's Human Rights Law, Real Estate License Law, and Real Property Law - as well as international law, [Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention](#). Every New Yorker who believes in the sanctity of our city and its progressivism should be protesting these events, even if they have never had a second thought about Israel/Palestine.

These sales, which are effectively settler recruitment events, are particularly heinous to those of us who keep track of the violent settler pogroms in the West Bank, repeated demolition of Palestinian homes, and de-facto annexation of the West Bank through increased settlement, which is openly admitted by Netanyahu's far-right government. The connection between selling land to settlements and settler violence is direct and undeniable. Recognizing this, the decision to hold these land sales in Jewish community centers and places of worship is a blatant attempt to shield them from criticism by hiding behind the bodies of New York's Jewish community. The fact that land is sold illegally and immorally in the same seats where Jews pray should offend every Jew of conscience.

As someone who organizes with Israelis who are here on visas, the threat of a protest being deemed illegal at the discretion of the NYPD does actively deter people from protesting. As Israelis, we have watched countless incidents of police brutality by Israeli police against anti-occupation and anti-Netanyahu protestors on the ground in Israel/Palestine. We have watched the ramifications of extreme surveillance in arbitrary arrests of Palestinians. We have seen everyday people speaking in opposition to the Israeli government being violently arrested with charges of "disturbing the public." It is hard not to prepare for the same state violence in New York if these bills are passed, not to mention the threat of deportation under the Trump administration.

The anti-protest bills would dramatically increase police presence at these locations, becoming another tool for surveillance, mass arrests, and selective enforcement. The proposals mirror the FACE Act, which the Trump administration is now weaponizing to prosecute anti-ICE and pro-Palestine protesters and journalists alike, accelerating the national criminalization of dissent.

We all have the moral obligation to protest the sale of Palestinian land. It is also heartbreaking to watch New York, supposedly a progressive city, following in the footsteps of the authoritarian Israeli government by repressing dissent by intimidating protestors. It is heartbreaking to watch New York protect illegal events and to watch these land sales shielding themselves behind the bodies of Jewish New Yorkers. We should all be protesting these events, not policing them.

I urge all council members to vote against 0001 and 0175. It is the precise duty of elected members of our City Council to protect the right of New Yorkers' to protest and practice for our freedom of speech and assembly.

From: [Natasha Pekelis](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship from Protest Disruption
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:52:16 PM

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Submitted,

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nathan Cohen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:03:12 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Nathan Cohen
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10006-1705

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nathan Kelsey](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:06:13 AM

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Sincerely,
Sir Nathan Kelsey
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-3564

From: [Nathan Nedorostek](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Committee to combat hate 2/25 int 001 and int. 175A
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:53:09 PM

My name is Nathan Nedorostek I live in Clinton Hill Brooklyn.

I write to you in opposition to Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz's proposed bills around places of worship and educational facilities, and urge City Councilmembers to vote against them.

In tandem with Governor Hochul's proposed buffer zone laws, these bills embody the Palestine exception to free speech: they have been invoked explicitly to target pro-Palestine protests. The proposed places of worship proposal is intended to derail scrutiny around the city's protection of illegal sales of stolen Palestinian land. The educational facilities bill is intended to criminalize protests on college campuses. Both would criminalize First Amendment-protected speech and assembly.

Because places of worship and educational facilities are everywhere, these bills would make most of the city off-limits to protest — prohibiting and proscribing countless demonstrations. Protest at places of worship has also been essential to reproductive health and queer activism, rooted in the principle that no institution is exempt from public accountability. Free speech protections cannot be selectively applied.

For years, New Yorkers have sought to bring attention to the illegal sale of Palestinian land at settler recruitment fairs held in houses of worship and educational facilities. These events violate the federal Fair Housing Act, New York's Human Rights Law, Real Estate License Law, and Real Property Law, as well [Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention](#). Rather than addressing these flagrant violations, these bills silence and punish New Yorkers, further exposing us to police brutality, and distract from grave legal violations.

Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz's final-hour amendment should not be counted as a victory. In fact, they deputize the New York Police Department, and its delinquent record of violence against Black, brown and muslim residents of the city, with even more power to decide when protest is permissible and when it isn't. The conflation of sites of worship and illegal land sales is one made by Zionists in our communities as they attempt to shield themselves from scrutiny using claims of anti-semitism. But the truth remains that these illegal land sales displace Palestinians. Under the violence of lawfare here and in occupied Palestine, Palestinians in the West Bank are left with no legal recourse to stay in their homeland, and I strongly object to the mobilization of our city's resources to abet ethnic cleansing.

These bills would also dramatically increase police presence at these locations, becoming another tool for surveillance, mass arrests, and selective enforcement — especially against communities of color. The proposals mirror the FACE Act, which the Trump administration is now weaponizing to prosecute anti-ICE and pro-Palestine protesters and journalists alike, accelerating the national criminalization of dissent.

I urge all council members to vote against these bills. It is the precise duty of elected members of our City Council to protect the right of New Yorkers' to protest and practice for our

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Thank you

Nathan Nedorostek
Brooklyn, NY

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nathaniel Fonfa](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 6:49:13 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Thank you for considering my position on this very important issue.

Sincerely,
Mr. Nathaniel Fonfa
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4802

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nathaniel shapiro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:15:17 PM

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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10006-3049

From: [Nechama Hackner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Protest he
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 4:06:15 AM

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Nechama hackner

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To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:44:57 PM

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Mrs. Nechama Schloss
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4507

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [nechemia schorr](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:17:00 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. nechemia schorr
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-2000

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nechemia Worcman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 10:50:56 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Nechemia Worcman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11234-3503

From: [Neeli Souli](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:46:49 PM



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From: [Neil Kupferman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
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NEIL H KUPFERMAN

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Lynbrook NY 11563

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Neil Mermelstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:43:05 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Neil Mermelstein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4406

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nicholas Fitch](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 11:18:52 AM

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Sincerely,
Dr Nicholas Fitch
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10026-4917

From: [nina cohen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Solution for Worship and Protest
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 4:02:28 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nina Ohebshalom](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:24:00 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Nina Ohebshalom
[REDACTED] Great Neck, NY 11024-1541

My name is Noa Simoncelli,

I write to you in opposition to Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz's proposed bills around places of worship and educational facilities, and urge City Councilmembers to vote against them.

In tandem with Governor Hochul's proposed buffer zone laws, these bills embody the Palestine exception to free speech: they have been invoked explicitly to target pro-Palestine protests. The proposed places of worship proposal is intended to derail scrutiny around the city's protection of illegal sales of stolen Palestinian land. The educational facilities bill is intended to criminalize protests on college campuses. Both would criminalize First Amendment-protected speech and assembly.

Because places of worship and educational facilities are everywhere, these bills would make most of the city off-limits to protest — prohibiting and proscribing countless demonstrations. Protest at places of worship has also been essential to reproductive health and queer activism, rooted in the principle that no institution is exempt from public accountability. Free speech protections cannot be selectively applied.

For years, New Yorkers have sought to bring attention to the illegal sale of Palestinian land at settler recruitment fairs held in houses of worship and educational facilities. These events violate the federal Fair Housing Act, New York's Human Rights Law, Real Estate License Law, and Real Property Law, as well [Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention](#). Rather than addressing these flagrant violations, these bills silence and punish New Yorkers, further exposing us to police brutality, and distract from grave legal violations.

Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz's final-hour amendment should not be counted as a victory. In fact, they deputize the New York Police Department, and its delinquent record of violence against Black, brown and muslim residents of the city, with even more power to decide when protest is permissible and when it isn't. The conflation of sites of worship and illegal land sales is one made by Zionists in our communities as they attempt to shield themselves from scrutiny using claims of anti-semitism. But the truth remains that these illegal land sales displace Palestinians. Under the violence of lawfare here and in occupied Palestine, Palestinians in the West Bank are left with no legal recourse to stay in their homeland, and I strongly object to the mobilization of our city's resources to abet ethnic cleansing.

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I urge all council members to vote against these bills. It is the precise duty of elected members of our City Council to protect the right of New Yorkers' to protest and practice for our freedom of speech and assembly.

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Noach Horowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:28:54 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Noach Horowitz
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-2933

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nochem Sauber](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:49:40 PM

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[REDACTED] Lakewood, NJ 08701-5733

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Nochum Gross](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 8:49:54 AM

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Sincerely,
Rabbi Nochum Gross
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11213-5135

From: [PixieLane Nor and Jill](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 5:31:35 PM



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From: [norman klein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Championing Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:27:09 PM

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Submitted,
Norman Klein

From: [oded loebl](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:29:46 PM

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Submitted,
Oded Loebl

From: [Onir Spiegel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:25:24 PM



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From: overstandig@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ora Verstandig](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
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Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:29:10 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Ora Verstandig
13779 70th Rd Flushing, NY 11367-1929

From: [Orlee Zorbaron](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:25:06 PM

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From: [Zoya Khalfin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Worship Access
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 12:06:49 AM

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From: [Pablo Nankin, MD](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Solution for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:01:14 PM



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To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:49:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Paul Fishman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-5511

From: [Paul Hanau](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces and Free Speech Rights
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:11:23 PM



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Submitted,
Paul Hanau

From: [Paul Hope](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Hope Sandro - Written Testimony Opposing to Int 0001-2026
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 11:40:37 PM

Hi there,

I am submitting my written testimony for tomorrow's hearing hosted by the Committee to Combat Hate.

My name is Hope Sandro and I am an organizer with New York City for Abortion Rights.

I am here to oppose Speaker Menin and Councilmember Dinowitz' proposed bills around places of worship and educational facilities.

The bills clearly embody the Palestine exception to free speech: they have been invoked explicitly to target pro-Palestine protests. The places of worship proposal is intended to derail scrutiny around the city's protection of illegal sales of stolen Palestinian land. The educational facilities bill is intended to criminalize protests on college campuses. Both will prevent First Amendment-protected speech and protest.

Because places of worship and educational facilities are everywhere, these bills would make most of the city off-limits to all protest. The bills could prohibit and criminalize countless demonstrations, even if a protest is merely passing by.

Protest at places of worship whose leaders have tried to control public policy and bodily autonomy has been essential to reproductive health and queer activism. This tradition of protest is based on the principles that no institution is exempt from public accountability, and that free speech protections cannot be selectively applied, both of which are threatened by the proposed legislation.

These bills would also dramatically increase police presence at places of worship and educational facilities. The legislation would become another tool for surveillance, mass arrests, and selective enforcement, especially against communities of color and the movements challenging entrenched power. There is already widespread use of excessive force by the NYPD against protesters, particularly by its violent Strategic Response Group.

The proposals accelerate the national criminalization of dissent and mirror the FACE Act,

which the Trump admin is now weaponizing to prosecute anti-ICE and pro-Palestine protesters, as well as journalists.

I urge all councilmembers, particularly those who claim to value democracy, to vote against these bills. We need our City Council to stand for New Yorkers' freedom of speech and assembly.

Thank you,

Hope

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Paul Konstam](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:12:49 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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We have witnessed several high-profile events outside of synagogues in our community. You have many Jewish constituents.

American Jews face growing threats to their safety and well-being. These include violent attacks, antisemitic conspiracy theories, and marginalization rooted in anti-Israel sentiment that often crosses into antisemitism. These incidents highlight why so many American Jews are living in fear today.

I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Paul Konstam
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4476

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Pearl Rand](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 10:07:27 AM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pearl Rand
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1345

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Pearl Rubin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:21:18 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Pearl Rubin
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-3831

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 2:04:09 PM

[REDACTED]

As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Pearl Sullivan

From: [penina tarshish](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:08:18 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted, penina tarshish koss

From: [Perah Dwek](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Balance for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:19:45 PM

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Submitted,

From: [Philip Weisberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Rights
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 6:56:12 AM

[REDACTED]

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Phil Weisberg
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:43:29 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Philip Kerstein

From: [DAVID GOLDBERG](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Step Towards Protecting Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:00:18 PM

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Submitted,

Phyllis B Goldberg PhD

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Your Support Needed: Bill 0001-2026 and Worship Access
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 3:40:15 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sent from my iPhone Phyllis Kerstein

From: [Rlorbert](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Endorsement for Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:12:03 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted by,

R Lorbert

From: ruch354@gmail.com
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship from Protest Disruption
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 7:09:43 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
R Schwartz

From: [R. Levi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:06:11 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yisroel Botnick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:13:04 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Yisroel Botnick

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11203-1803

From: [Rachel Abel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Step Towards Protecting Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:38:13 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Rachel Abel

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rachel Appelbaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:43:08 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

As a resident of Queens, NY, I am submitting this testimony in support of Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to establish security perimeters at places of worship in the city. It is very important that people are able to enter and exit their place of worship without fear of harassment.

There have been many high-profile disruptions outside synagogues in our community, including one at the Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills, very close to my home. American Jews are increasingly afraid for their safety and well-being due to violent attacks and antisemitic conspiracy theories. While many perpetrators claim to be merely anti-Israel, in practice, this often crosses into antisemitism and I do not see why I should have to pass a geopolitical purity test to feel safe in my city.

The ADL's 2024 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents reports that New York recorded 1,437 antisemitic incidents, the highest in the country. 68% of them took place in New York City. Please take immediate action to protect the Jewish communities here in New York City.

I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rachel Appelbaum
[REDACTED] Richmond Hill, NY 11418-1801

From: [Rachel Epstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Endorsement for Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:50:17 PM

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Submitted,
Rachel Epstein

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rachel Farkas](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 9:02:01 AM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Rachel Farkas
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-5161

From: [Rachel Fries](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:34:33 PM

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Rachel fries
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [rachel garrin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:18:22 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. rachel garrin
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-5349

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rachel Koenigsberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:04:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Rachel Koenigsberg
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11223-3241

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rachel Lelonek](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:48:26 AM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Rachel Lelonek

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-3822

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Racheli Taubes](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:08:38 AM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Racheli Taubes
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-2145

From: [Rachelle Alkalay](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces from Disruption
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:14:35 PM

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Submitted,

Rachelle Alkalay

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rachelle Morgenstern](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:23:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Rachelle Morgenstern
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-2021

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rachelle Rosenthal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:29:32 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Rachelle Rosenthal
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-3961

From: [Rachelle Tropper](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Free Speech
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 7:05:30 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Rachelle Tropper
Brooklyn NY

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rafael Stefansky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:09:32 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr Rafael Stefansky
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4822

From: [Raisa Milkin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:37:24 PM

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Raisa Milkin

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Raizel Ringel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:43:04 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Raizel Ringel
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-2271

From: [Ralph Koerner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026 12:54:45 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Ralph J. Koerner

[REDACTED]
New York, NY 10038

From: rhari123@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ramona Harari](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:40:17 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Ramona Harari
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11223-2326

From: [Randi Barenholtz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protecting Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:32:25 PM

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Submitted,
Randi Barenholtz

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Randi Schatz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:37:37 PM

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Randi Schatz

Sincerely,
Mrs Randi Schatz
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-3045

From: [Randy Jacobs Malach](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:40:05 PM

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Submitted,
Randy Malach

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ray Adler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:52:43 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Ray Adler

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10040-3907

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Raya Matat](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:02:06 PM

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Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Raya Matat
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-1616

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Raymond Beyda Raymond Beyda](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:25:37 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I attend multiple synagogues in my area. I feel so different when submitting my prayers to Heaven when the building is secure from physical dangers and quiet from noise. To exercise freedom of religion as guaranteed by our constitution your protection is needed

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Sincerely

Rabbi Raymond J Beyda

Sincerely,

Mr. Raymond Beyda Raymond Beyda

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11223-5825

From: [Raymond Chalme](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:24:06 PM

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Thank you
Best
Ray
Raymond Chalme

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From: [Rebecca Feit](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Balance for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:29:05 PM

[REDACTED]

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Rebecca

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rebecca Gottesman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:33:05 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs Rebecca Gottesman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-2614

From: [Rebecca G](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:56:46 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Rebecca Grossman

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Imperative to Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces from Disruption
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 8:13:29 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Rebecca Isseroff
Zip code 11552

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From: [Rebecca Segal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship from Protest Disruption
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:41:25 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Rebecca Segal
Brooklyn, NY

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rebecca Shapiro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 10:48:16 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Miss Rebecca Shapiro
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10007-2311

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rebecca Sklar](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 8:35:56 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Rebecca Sklar
[REDACTED] Kew Gardens, NY 11415-3233

From: [Rebecca Spirn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Worship Access
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 3:51:46 PM



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Submitted,
Rebecca Spirn
Far Rockaway, NY 11691
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From: dpbr7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Rebecca Steinmetz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:38:58 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I feel that people should have the freedom to access their respective houses of worship without being accosted by protesters. As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Rebecca Steinmetz
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-3126

From: [Rebecca Tepper](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Endorsement for Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:54:45 PM

[REDACTED]

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Rebecca Tepper

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From: [R.Sh](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:27:35 PM

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Submitted,

From: [Reev Breskin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Worship and Free Speech
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 10:18:07 AM

[REDACTED]

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From: [regina5](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship and Safety
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:14:45 PM

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Relli Wieselthier](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:30:09 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Relli Wieselthier
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-2539

From: [Prof. RF](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:19:08 PM

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Sincerely,
Ren Coerver
Brooklyn 11216

From: [Rena Sokolow](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Endorsement for Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:30:42 PM

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Rena Sokolow

From: [Renee S Feit](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Balance for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:36:14 PM

[REDACTED]

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Renee S Feit

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From: [rhonda olenick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Monday, March 2, 2026 4:13:42 PM

[REDACTED]

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Marc Gitnik
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Jonathan Olenick

Alexander Olenick

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rick Shields](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:16:32 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rick Shields
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-1942

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](mailto:Testimony@endjewhatred.com); action@endjewhatred.com; standagainstjewhatred@gmail.com; mail@endjewhatred.com; [Report.Antisemitism](mailto:Report.Antisemitism@msche.org); hperfetti@msche.org; mayoreic@cityhall.nyc.gov; melissa.bochenski@exec.ny.gov; Msche.Finance; stacy.lynych@exec.ny.gov; regentsoffice@ucop.edu
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding the Right to Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:13:54 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Rifky Warshaw

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Risa Rosenberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:56:31 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Risa Rosenberg
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-4824

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Risa Schneider](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 7:36:08 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Ms. Risa Schneider

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10037-3114

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rivka Borenstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:41:14 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Rivka Borenstein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1358

From: [Rivka Federgrun](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:03:53 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Rivka Federgrun

From: [RIVKA KRISCHER](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding the Right to Worship
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 9:05:08 AM

[REDACTED]

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Rivka KRischer

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rivka Schoss](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 10:28:09 AM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rivka Schoss
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4816

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rivka Weber](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:15:26 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Rivka Weber
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10314-4324

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rivkah Weiss](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:29:02 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely
Mrs. Rivkah Weiss

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rivkah Weiss
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-7085

From: [rivkie grossbaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces from Disruption
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:25:30 PM

[REDACTED]

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Rivkie Grossbaum

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From: [J Advocacy](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding the Right to Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:04:59 PM

[REDACTED]

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Rivkie Yifat
New York

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [rivky garb](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:42:36 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. rivky garb

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-2733

From: [Ruth AR](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Solution for Worship and Protest
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 2:27:37 PM

[REDACTED]

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RL Alexander

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [robert adler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:52:12 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
dr robert adler
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-4623

From: [Robert Harris](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:06:32 PM

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Submitted,
Robert Harris

From: [Katz, Robert K](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:47:56 PM



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Submitted,

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robert Katz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:59:15 AM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,
Mr. Robert Katz
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10065-5856

From: [Robert Koppel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:55:12 PM

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From: [rskrausz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Step Towards Protecting Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:30:01 PM



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Submitted,

Robert Krausz

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robert Nadrich](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:01:15 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Dr. Robert Nadrich
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-4801

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robert Rubin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:12:23 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Robert Rubin
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4832

From: [Roberta Stern](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 12:12:52 AM

[REDACTED]

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From: [Robin Eckman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:44:14 PM

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R. Eckman 11552

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To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:04:56 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Robin Goldstein
[REDACTED], MA 02459-1032

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rochel Lieberman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:14:43 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Rochel Lieberman
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4708

From: [Rochel Saks](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:41:16 PM

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Submitted,

Rochel Saks
10025

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rochelle Bodner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:50:18 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Rochelle Bodner
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-3409

From: [ROCHELLE EHRENREICH](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:31:46 PM

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Rochelle Ehrenreich Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rochelle Grabie](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:09:01 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Rochelle Grabie
[REDACTED] Rego Park, NY 11374-5144

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rochelle Neumann](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:28:49 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms Rochelle Neumann
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10010-7612

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rodney Greenwald](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 6:34:23 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Rodney Greenwald
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-1214

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ron Deutsch](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:22:02 PM

[REDACTED]

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Dr. Ron Deutsch
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-4535

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ronald Federman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 12:12:08 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Ronald Federman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-1105

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rosalind Leibowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 12:49:32 PM

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Sincerely,

Ms. Rosalind Leibowitz

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-5544

From: [Rosita Weissberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:21:34 PM

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Submitted,

Rosita Weissberg

From: [Rozanne Polansky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:27:02 PM

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Submitted,

Rozanne Polansky

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ruchie Toplan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:12:47 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Ruchie Toplan
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4504

From: [Ruth Akerman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:36:48 PM

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Submitted,
Ruth Akerman

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ruth Cohen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:12:53 PM

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Sincerely,
Miss Ruth Cohen

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-2132

From: [Chava Friedman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding the Right to Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:29:35 PM



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Submitted,

Ruth Friedman

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ruth Lipman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:19:48 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Ruth Lipman

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-8240

From: [ruth sommer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:29:54 PM



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Submitted, Ruth Sommer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ruthie Haham](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:31:12 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Ruthie Haham
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-1732

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Your Voice Matters: Support Bill 0001-2026 for Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:36:26 PM

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Submitted,
S. Ganger

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From: [Treadstone](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Join Us in Supporting Bill 0001-2026: Protect Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:28:40 PM

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Treadstone Management, Inc.

From: [Shmuel Reich](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:19:32 PM

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Submitted,
Sam Reich

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Samara Lipsky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 6:08:06 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Samara Lipsky
[REDACTED] Great Neck, NY 11023-2033

From: [Sam](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Balancing Rights and Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 8:07:33 AM

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Petaluma CA

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Samuel Saka](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
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Sincerely,
Mr. Samuel Saka
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-2807

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Samuel Student](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:44:31 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Samuel Student

[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-3104

From: [Sandi Nayberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:46:58 PM

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sandra Koppell](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:34:58 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Sandra Koppell
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-5018

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sandra Mansour](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:55:09 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Sandra Mansour
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-3312

From: [Sandra Rothschild](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 10:02:56 AM

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Submitted,
Sandra Rothschild
New York City Resident

From: [Sandra Weg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:56:24 PM

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From: [Sandy Goldsmith](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:07:39 PM

[REDACTED]

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From: [Sara Axel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Balancing Free Speech and Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:51:04 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sara Axel
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sara Feigenbaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:22:59 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Dr. Sara Feigenbaum

[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10309-2738

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [sara Friedman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 8:18:30 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. sara Friedman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-4827

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sara Lonner](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:22:10 PM

[REDACTED]

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My father, who just passed away recently, witnessed the desecration of places of worship during Krsitallnacht. He came to America in December 1939 and cherished the freedoms here. He was always grateful that America provided a safe haven with freedom of worship.

Let's preserve the safety of citizens and the freedom to go to houses of worship for all coming generations.

I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sara Lonner
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-3341

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sara Neuman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:06:19 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Sara Neuman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-1823

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [sara selengut](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 10:35:51 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. sara selengut
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4409

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Ausfresser](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 12:44:10 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Sarah Ausfresser
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4703

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Golding](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:26:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Sarah Golding

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-1717

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Horowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:44:14 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Sarah Horowitz
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10025-7372

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah kahan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:55:50 PM

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Mrs Sarah kahan
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-5125

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Rosenbaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:24:41 PM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED] New York, NY 10002-4127

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sarah Weiss](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 8:57:04 AM

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Ms. Sarah Weiss
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10022-3003

From: [Sari Fainburg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship - Super Important!!
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:22:02 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Sari

Brooklyn, NY, 11215
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From: [Sarit Mizrachi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:23:27 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sarit Kritzman DPT

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Saul Jemal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:23:46 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Saul Jemal
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-3724

From: [Savta Fein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:47:42 PM

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Submitted,

Paul Fein, MD, FACP
Brooklyn, 11236

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Scott Hertz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 1:58:01 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Scott Hertz
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10028-6433

From: [Scott Mathias](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Championing Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:08:46 PM

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Submitted,
Scott Mathias

From: [Serena Smulansky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:46:12 PM

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Submitted,

Serena Smulansky (also gave oral testimony at the committee meeting)
Zip code: 10282

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Seth Resnick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:15:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Seth Resnick

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-3260

From: [Seth Rosenblatt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stand with Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:45:51 PM



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Submitted,

From: [Seymour Goldberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Rights
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:27:59 PM

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From: [Shahnaz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Protect Worship and Free Speech
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 7:22:13 PM

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Shahnaz Malekan M.D.
Child, Adolescent , Adult Psychiatrist
[REDACTED]
Great Neck , NY 11021

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [shalom carmy](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:58:39 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Prof shalom carmy
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-3750

From: shanayn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Shana Nielsen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:17:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Shana Nielsen
[REDACTED] San Francisco, CA 94105-2921

From: [Shana Nielsen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Endorsement for Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:22:33 PM

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From: [Shanit Halperin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Access to Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:58:46 PM

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Shanit

From: [Shannon Norwitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:51:49 PM

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NY 10804

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sharon Isbin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 1:33:42 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Professor Sharon Isbin
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10023-6500

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sharon Markowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:12:23 PM

[REDACTED]

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In fact, citizens of any faith should be afforded this 'freedom'. No one should be fearful of having to enter a house of prayer. Please do whatever it takes to pass this. Legislation!

I fully support Int. 0001-2026.

Thank you, Sharon Markowitz

Sincerely,
Ms Sharon Markowitz
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4921

From: [Sharon Meiri Fox](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:10:35 PM

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Submitted,

From: [sharon mokhtarian](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:33:07 PM

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Sharon Mokhtarian

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sharon Neuman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:48:58 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Sharon Neuman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11201-4834

From: [Sharon Senderowicz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:25:56 PM

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Great Neck, NY 11021

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From: [Shay Schachter](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:12:55 PM

[REDACTED]

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From: [Shava Klechevsky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Protest
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:26:29 PM

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Submitted,
Shava Klechevsky
11225

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shaya Schapira](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 7:13:49 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Shaya Schapira
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-2320

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [shaya schneid](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:51:43 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. shaya schneid
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-1013

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shayne RUPP](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 6:42:24 PM

[REDACTED]

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Mrs. Shayne RUPP
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4503

From: [sheera michael](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 5:46:59 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Sheera Eckstein

From: [Sheila Blachman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:34:30 PM

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Dr. Sheila Blachman

From: [Sheldon Lindenfeld \(via OneDrive\)](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship and Safety
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:14:33 PM



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From: [Sherry Doulman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship and Safety
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:37:18 PM

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From: [Sheryl Bouzaglou](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Protect Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:23:54 PM

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From: [Sheryl Sandler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 2:03:46 PM



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Sheryl Sandler

From: [Sheryl Schechter](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:32:22 PM

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From: [Shifra Mendelovitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Access in NYC
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:34:20 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shifra Shteierman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 8:28:39 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Shifra Shteierman
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-5428

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shimrit Hait](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:26:21 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms Shimrit Hait
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-3323

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shira Dear](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:04:31 PM

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-1641

From: [shira gancz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces and Free Speech Rights
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 2:45:41 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Shira Gancz
Brooklyn NY 11210

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shira Greenstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:25:01 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms Shira Greenstein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-6601

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shira Ibragimova](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:58:11 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Shira Ibragimova
[REDACTED] Queens Village, NY 11427-1232

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shira Portnoy](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:47:16 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Shira Portnoy
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4625

From: [Shira Rina](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Championing Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 9:17:24 AM

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Shira Rina

From: [Shirley Bassiri](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:46:46 PM

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Submitted,

Shirley Bassiri
Great Neck, NY 11024

From: [Shirley Rahmani](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Protest
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:48:56 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Shirley Rahmani
Great Neck, New York

From: [Shlomi Rabi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Championing Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:07:08 PM

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Submitted,
Shlomi Rabi
Brooklyn 11226

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shlomi Rabi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:23:13 AM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Shlomi Rabi
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-6958

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shlomo Neuman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:07:48 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Shlomo Neuman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-1823

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shmuel Fink](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:22:31 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Shmuel Fink
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4743

From: sfriedman8@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Shmuel Friedman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 12:56:10 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Shmuel Friedman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4815

From: [Shoshana Bulow](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Balancing Free Speech and Worship Access
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 8:57:32 AM

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Shoshana Bulow

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shoshana Feit](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 10:25:33 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Shoshana Feit
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-3706

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shoshana Milstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:13:10 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Shoshana Milstein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shoshannah Gross](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:16:22 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Shoshannah Gross
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-4984

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shprintzy Gross](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:50:03 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Shprintzy Gross
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-3102

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [SHRAGA ROSENWALD](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:19:59 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. SHRAGA ROSENWALD
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-2634

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shulamis Friedman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:47:10 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs Shulamis Friedman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-7102

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Shulamis Shapiro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:16:26 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms. Shulamis Shapiro
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-3735

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sidney Langer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:17:50 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Sidney Langer

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-1409

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Simcha Rosenblatt](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:05:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Simcha Rosenblatt
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-2091

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Simcha Silverman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:49:33 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Simcha Silverman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-1102

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Simkho Zirkiyev](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:25:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Simkho Zirkiyev

[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-1732

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Simon Saltz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:54:55 PM

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Sincerely,

Prof. Simon Saltz

[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4714

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Simon Zitwer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:22:53 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr Simon Zitwer
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4606

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Solomon Friedman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:12:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Solomon Friedman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11234-3436

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Solomon Nathan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:05:39 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Solomon Nathan
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4901

From: [Sprinza Blumenthal](#)
To: [NYC Council Hearings](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 100' Buffer Zone
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:46:10 PM



100' Buffer Zone Bill

Dear Council Members,

Please restore the 100-foot safety buffer around houses of worship just like there are around abortion clinics. Antisemitic incidents continue to make up the largest share of NYC hate crimes, according to NYPD data, and protests outside synagogues in places like Borough Park and near Central Park East have blocked entrances and intimidated congregants and attendees. This is a content-neutral public safety measure - not a restriction on speech. New Yorkers should not have to walk through hostile crowds to enter a house of worship or attend an event. Protect safe access. Restore the 100-foot buffer as the bill was originally drafted.

Respectfully,
Sprinza Blumenthal

Member of a Jewish Synagogue in NYC
Brooklyn Kings County 11213

From: [Sprintza Blumenthal](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship and Safety
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:38:06 PM

[REDACTED]

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sprintza Blumenthal

Resident of Kings County, Brooklyn NY 11213

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From: [Stacey Halpern](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Your Support Needed: Bill 0001-2026 and Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:22:27 PM

[REDACTED]

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Stacey Bank

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From: [Stacey Cooper](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:18:03 PM

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stacey Klein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:35:33 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Stacey Klein
[REDACTED] Great Neck, NY 11021-1322

From: [Stacey Klein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Call for Balanced Worship Access
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 8:59:06 PM

[REDACTED]

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Stacey P Klein

From: [Stacy Gerard](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Access in NYC
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:24:07 PM

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Submitted,
Stacy

From: [STANLEY SLATER](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 12:12:41 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Stanley Slater
New York City

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stephanie Zaro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:58:17 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Ms Stephanie Zaro
[REDACTED] Bayside, NY 11360-2154

From: [Stephen Chambers](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship from Protest Disruption
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:18:18 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stephen Plafker](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:15:47 PM

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Dear Council Members,

Honorable Simcha Felder-

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Stephen Plafker

Sincerely,
Mr. Stephen Plafker

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-3424

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stephen Y](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 8:15:10 PM

[REDACTED]

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This legislation is an important step to combat antisemitism.

Sincerely yours,
Dr Stephen Haddad
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Sincerely,
Dr Stephen Y
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6505

From: [Steve Mayer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:16:43 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

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Steve Mayer

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Steven Cooper](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 12:53:41 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Dr Steven Cooper

[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10471-2810

From: [Steven Friedman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Protect Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:36:17 PM

[REDACTED]

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Steven Friedman

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Steven Glaser](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:31:02 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Steven Glaser
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-5401

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Steven Moalemi](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026 6:50:39 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Moalemi

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-8414

From: [Steven Murray](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship Access
Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026 10:55:36 AM

[REDACTED]

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From: [Steven Salzman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Protest
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:58:32 PM

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Steven Vogel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 10:20:38 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
mr. Steven Vogel
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1209

From: [Sue Blumberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 1:29:38 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sue Blumberg

From: [susan a buckler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:31:30 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Sue Buckler
NYC
Great Neck

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From: [SUEANNE SCHULMAN](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 8:05:12 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Sueanne Schulman
Resident / parent

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sura Censor](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:23:48 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs Sura Censor
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367

From: [Sura Jeselsohn](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:27:06 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Suri Scharf](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:25:56 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs Suri Scharf
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-2713

From: [SUSAN KORENBERG](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:41:03 PM

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Susan Korenberg

Sent from my iPhone
Please pardon typos

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan Lieberman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:16:01 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Susan Lieberman
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11375-1420

From: [Susan Perlstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:27:16 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Susan Rein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:44:42 AM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Susan Rein

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-3042

From: [Susan Stewart](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:18:31 PM

[REDACTED]

As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,

Shoshana Stewart, Brooklyn, New York

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susan Stewart](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Rights
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:19:55 PM

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Suzanne Davidowitz](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 1:35:37 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms Suzanne Davidowitz
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10028-1422

From: [Suzi Tuchman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:29:20 PM



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Submitted,
Suzi Tuchman

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Sylvia Miller](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:55:26 PM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sylvia Miller
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6103

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Join Us in Supporting Bill 0001-2026: Protect Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:34:55 PM

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tamar Nusbaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:41:01 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Tamar Nusbaum
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-5248

From: [Tamar Pacht](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:00:01 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Tamar Pacht
10021

From: [Tamari Gruszow](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:31:03 PM

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tani Foger](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:23:04 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tani Foger

[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-6511

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tehila Alter](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:12:32 AM

[REDACTED]

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Tehila Alter
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-2211

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [temmy manela](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 2:48:41 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,
Mrs. temmy manela
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-1209

From: [Terri Barr](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:10:08 PM

[REDACTED]

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Terri

TC Barr, Ph.D.
(she/her)

[REDACTED]

From: [Tobe](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Access in NYC
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 7:31:36 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Tobe Goldfinger
Woodmere, NY

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Houses of Worship Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:24:48 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Toby Wolf

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From: [Todd Ostrow](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Sacred Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:56:24 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Todd Ostrow

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tova Dahan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:39:51 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Tova Dahan
[REDACTED] Queens Village, NY 11427

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tova Wacholder](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 1:24:16 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Miss Tova Wacholder
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-5000

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tovie Zakutinsky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:51:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Tovie Zakutinsky
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367

From: [Treacy Gaffney](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote No on the Buffer Zone Bill
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 10:52:16 PM



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Vote no, and stop this special treatment for a hypocritical mob pretending they feel unsafe when people object to a genocide.

Sincerely,
Treacy Gaffney
Brooklyn, NY 11238

From: [Treacy Gaffney](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to the Buffer Bill
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 4:49:51 PM



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To: [Testimony](#)
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Treacy Gaffney
Brooklyn, NY 11238

From: [Treacy Gaffney](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to the Buffer Bill
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 3:23:49 PM

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This bill is yet another attempt by powerful lobbyists for a foreign power to strip New Yorkers of their First amendment rights. The NYPD already has more than adequate power to protect New Yorkers. Every single protest at a synagogue was to stop the sale of stolen Palestinian land AT the synagogue. Perhaps instead of violating the constitutional rights of citizens, the council should be looking into the tax exempt status of “religious” organizations that are trading real estate on premises.

Students and educators cannot be prohibited from protesting the mass murder of civilians. The potential for unintended (?) consequences of this legislation are innumerable.

Vote no to this outrageous bill.

Sincerely,
Treacy Gaffney
Brooklyn, NY 11238

From: [Tzipi Charlap](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship and Safety
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 4:45:23 AM

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Submitted,
Charlap Family
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tzvi Klitnick](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:06:33 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Tzvi Klitnick
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-2071

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Tzvi Liberman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:27:25 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Tzvi Liberman

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11234-2620

From: [Veronica Roth](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:19:59 PM

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Submitted,

Veronica Roth

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Vichna Belsky](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 7:48:56 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Vichna Belsky
[REDACTED] Spring Valley, NY 10977-6007

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Vicki Greenstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:23:35 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs Vicki Greenstein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11226-6601

From: [Victoria Chernyak](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocacy for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Protest
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:33:15 PM

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Submitted,

Victoria Chernyak

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Vladimir Kurinets](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:58:12 PM

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Sincerely,
Dr. Vladimir Kurinets

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11239-2007

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [W. Z. HERMAN](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:50:07 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. W. Z. HERMAN
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4812

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Warren Cohen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 6:54:58 AM

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Sincerely,
Mr Warren Cohen
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-4822

From: [WAYNE KUTNER](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:11:41 PM

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Wayne Kutner

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Wemndy Gennaro](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 12:32:35 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Wemndy Gennaro
[REDACTED] Jamaica, NY 11432-1519

From: [wendy epstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:32:41 PM

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Submitted,
Wendy

From: [Wendy Plaut](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Championing Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Rights and Worship Spaces
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 7:04:38 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Wendy Reimer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:22:09 AM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Ms Wendy Reimer
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10024-3303

From: [Wendy Stern](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Upholding Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:46:29 PM

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Wendy Stern

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [william anemer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, March 9, 2026 2:35:47 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. william anemer
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-3809

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [William Reinman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:36:30 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. William Reinman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-3715

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yaakov Levine](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 2:21:25 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
mr Yaakov Levine

[REDACTED] Richmond Hill, NY 11418-1248

From: [Yacov Stollman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Call to Safeguard Access to Houses of Worship
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026 2:02:29 PM

[REDACTED]

As a New York City resident, NYS Resident and voter, I submit this comment in support of Bill 0001-2026. The legislation reflects a careful constitutional balance between protecting public safety and ensuring unimpeded access to houses of worship while preserving lawful protest. I respectfully address below two arguments raised in opposition concerning floating buffer zones.

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Submitted,

Yacov StollmanMD

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Advocating for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Safe Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:43:25 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Yael F

From: [Yael Lock](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Join Us in Supporting Bill 0001-2026: Protect Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 5:32:43 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Yael Lock
12430

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From Yael Lock

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yael Scheff](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:19:02 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Yael Scheff
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-4608

From: [vaffale52](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Endorsement for Bill 0001-2026: Safeguarding Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:09:27 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Yaffa Rabe

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yechiel Kleinman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:05:00 PM

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Sincerely,
Yechiel Kleinman
[REDACTED]
Brooklyn NY 11219

Sincerely,
Mr Yechiel Kleinman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-3803

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yehuda Barski](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:55:22 AM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yehuda Barski
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11204-2006

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [yehuda reichman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:19:37 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. yehuda reichman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11219-3213

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yehuda Sitzer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 10:44:17 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yehuda Sitzer
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6604

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yehudit Burnstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:23:58 PM

[REDACTED]

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Yehudit Burnstein

Sincerely,
Mrs. Yehudit Burnstein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-4813

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces and Free Speech Rights
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 7:41:37 AM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,
Yelena Simkhaveva

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yenta Rosenbaum](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 5:06:36 PM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yenta Rosenbaum
[REDACTED] Linden, NJ 07036-3805

From: [Geni](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Access to Houses of Worship Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:48:43 PM

[REDACTED]

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Submitted,

Yevgeniya shpak
Brooklyn NY 11224

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [yisrael bronstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:29:44 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Mr. yisrael bronstein
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-5840

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yisroel Garfinkel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:54:06 PM

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I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mr. Yisroel Garfinkel
[REDACTED] Staten Island, NY 10314-4323

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yisroel Heisler](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:17:30 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yisroel Heisler
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-3744

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yitta Neuman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 11:07:00 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Yitta Neuman
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11229-1823

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yitzchak Toplan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:13:44 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yitzchak Toplan
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11218-4504

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yitzchak Zimmer](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:03:38 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yitzchak Zimmer

[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-5215

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yitzchok Piotrkowski](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:50:29 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yitzchok Piotrkowski
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-1106

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [yocheved Bender](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:21:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. yocheved Bender
[REDACTED] Far Rockaway, NY 11691-5408

From: yganchrow17@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Yonatan Ganchrow](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:44:33 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yonatan Ganchrow
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11366-1528

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yonatan Olshin](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 5:42:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yonatan Olshin
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10033-1401

From: [Yonina Gomberg](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Access in NYC
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 10:25:12 PM

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The stalking horse of vague violations of never-identified laws do not give rise to a new elevated status for the right to speech and protest -- nor does it give rise to immunity from restriction. Please protect access to worship spaces alongside the right to free speech and protest.

Submitted,

Yonina Halpern Gomberg

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yosef Alberti](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:07:08 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yosef Alberti
[REDACTED] Spring Valley, NY 10977-1331

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yosef Fogel](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 10:11:51 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Yosef Fogel
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11210-3938

From: [Yotav Eliach](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Ensuring Worship Access Amid Protests
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:01:25 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Yvette cohen](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 9:12:39 PM

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Mrs. Yvette cohen
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-6413

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Zachary Baumgarten](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:11:35 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr Zachary Baumgarten
[REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY 11230-7103

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Zahava Federman](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:37:48 PM

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As a resident of the Bronx, three of our synagogues have already been targeted by violence. This needs to stop.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Zahava Federman
[REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10463-4801

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [zahava Goldstein](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:14:04 PM

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Sincerely,
Mrs. zahava Goldstein
[REDACTED] Woodmere, NY 11598-2417

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Zaki Dayan](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Monday, February 23, 2026 12:13:46 PM

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Rabbi Zaki Dayan

[REDACTED] Mount Vernon, NY 10552-2773

**Testimony From a Concerned NYer
New Yorkers Against Buffer Zones
Committee to Combat Hate
Feb 25, 2025**

As a proud New Yorker and the equally proud descendent of Holocaust survivors and victims, I would like to affirm that the proposed protest buffer zones do not make me any safer, neither as a New Yorker nor as a Jewish American. Public officials' insidious, incessant conflation of (a) protest against reprehensible zionist activities with (b) a hatred for all Jewish people (c) will only guarantee *increasing hatred for all Jewish people*. The scenario that triggered this proposed 'buffer zone' reflects three longstanding traditions in this city, and in this country more broadly:

1. Use of synagogues and temples as shields to sell stolen Palestinian land
2. Abuse of antisemitism to silence and criminalize those who justly refuse to accept this
3. A hysterical government uproar over protests and inaction over what's being protested

These dynamics reflect New York City's excruciating complicity in Israeli apartheid, occupation, and genocide, charges agreed upon by leading international, western, Arab, Palestinian and Israeli human rights groups and genocide scholars. This complicity snakes through our nonprofits, which raise funds to buy drones for illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank, to Israeli bonds in city pension plans, to weapons manufacturers in the Brooklyn Navy Yard on city-owned land. The longer pro-Israel advocates and elected officials conspire together to stop any semblance of accountability in the name of fighting antisemitism, the more dangerous this city becomes for all Jewish people, regardless of their positions on the apartheid state.

Scattered chants are not an excuse to provide cover for international law violations. I urge you to focus on the root cause that's brought us here today, which is zionist land theft.

From: [A Wink Productions A Wink Productions](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:39:04 PM

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Balanced Approach to Worship and Safety
Date: Friday, February 27, 2026 4:37:13 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship from Protest Disruption
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Submitted,
Anonymous student @Yeshiva University

Morning,

As a Jewish New Yorker and a grandson of a Holocaust survivor, i am gravely concerned about the proposed legislation that will make a "buffer zone" around places of worship and education facilities (Intros 001 and 0175). Legislation that restricts the right to protest undermines our fundamental rights in NYC and the country. These bills restrict New Yorkers' right to assembly and free speech at exactly the same time that the federal government is waging war on our cities, particularly targeting protestors and legal observers.

The reason these protests are happening is specific to the fact that these conservative synagogues are holding land sales in occupied land (which is illegal in international law). Secondly they are only allowing Jews to buy this land which violates the Fair Housing Act as this is clear discrimination

Thank you,

- Dan

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Worship Spaces from Disruption
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:08:35 PM

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Hello, Council. I am DJ, a New Yorker and proud activist. I come here to say that as New Yorkers there are a lot of things we've grown to cherish, whether it be the idea of a city that never sleeps, a metropolis like city with innovation that stuns and surprises the rest of our country, perhaps it is our no nonsense attitude, however if there's one thing that we've grown to cherish, it is New York Activist scene, and voices who lead it, our protest scenes are in some ways the most diverse I've seen come out of a city. Our legacy is undeniable, and that's why it hurts me to remember that despite how diverse and powerful our community is with topical protesting, it does not meet the same appreciation by factions of our government, of certain council members, of influential figures, and from certain organizations, and over the years I've seen our freedom of speech put to a test of resilience through repression and silencing, this bill which claims to combat hate is one of those forces of evil, as New Yorkers we don't want hate in our city, we amplify that every day, And while this bill and the people who promote want us to believe that it will be the solution, in actuality it will strip New Yorkers of free speech, it will obstruct our freedom of movement, it will silence diverse voices who seek to speak out on global issues, and we will be doing a disservice to the multiple of New Yorkers who want to exercise their first amendment rights, there's also the element of how incorrect this bill is, it claims to want to protect Houses of Worship when in actuality there are already laws in place that protect Houses of Worship, As a New Yorker I want Houses of Worship to be protected but I refuse the idea that obstructing movement of those who wish protest in front these buildings would be in the name of the people, I ask you all, answer to the people who say that bills like these are against our cities culture and furthermore our countries culture.

From: [Ethos](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Bill 0001-2026: A Constitutional Approach to Worship Access
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:11:53 PM

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Right Side of History

From: [fashiongr1212 \(null\)](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: A Step Towards Protecting Worship Access
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Testimony with regards to NYC bills T2026-0731 + T2026-0751

As a Jewish New Yorker, an Israeli-American, and a descendant of Holocaust survivors, I am gravely concerned by proposed legislation to restrict protest outside places of worship and educational facilities. This legislation emerged in response to two protests outside NYC synagogues as they were hosting highly controversial and non-religious political events — at least one of which encouraged the illegal sale of Palestinian land, in violation of international law. When houses of worship host non-religious political events, they are making a choice with the knowledge that they might be protested for doing so. This legislation does not make Jews safer, and is anti-democratic, unnecessary, and dangerous.

From: [Mark s](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Bill 0001-2026: Balancing Rights and Worship Access
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [R Fink](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Int. 0001-2026 to Let Communities of Faith Pray in Peace
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 10:14:15 AM

[REDACTED]

Dear Council Members,

As a concerned New York City constituent, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support for Int. 0001-2026, which would require the Police Commissioner to develop and implement a plan to establish security perimeters at places of worship across New York City. It is critical that worshippers are able to enter and exit religious institutions without fear of harassment or intimidation.

According to ADL's 2024 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents, New York State recorded 1,437 antisemitic incidents, the highest number of reported incidents in the country, representing 15% of all antisemitic incidents nationwide. Further, 68% of these documented incidents took place in the five boroughs of New York City. This alarming number of incidents requires us to take immediate action to protect the Jewish communities here in New York City.

We have witnessed several high-profile events outside of synagogues in our community, such as Park East Synagogue and Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills, to reference only two. American Jews face growing threats to their safety and well-being. These include violent attacks, antisemitic conspiracy theories, and marginalization rooted in anti-Israel sentiment that often crosses into antisemitism. These incidents highlight why so many American Jews are living in fear today.

I fully support Int. 0001-2026 and urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R Fink
[REDACTED] Flushing, NY 11367-3130

From: [wordstudio8](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 0001-2026: Protecting Houses of Worship and Free Speech
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:59:20 PM

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