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As a resident of Thornhill and Vaughn I applaud and commend the decision to implement the proposed by-law, to prevent protests from targeting our places of worship, kindergartens, schools, and community centres.

Being Jewish in this city has become more dangerous than ever. We are constantly threatened, attacked, and harassed - solely for being Jewish - which is antithetical to the Canadian values we grew up with.

I was unfortunately at the Bayt synagogue on Thursday, March 7 when domestic terrorists in masks descended upon Thornhill and chanted Intifada and other Jihadi slogans at us for hours and hours. They set fire to Israeli flags, told us to go back to Europe, stole property, and screamed other obscenities at us. It was deplorable and shameful. The police stood by and watched. It was a disgrace and a permanent stain on the city of Vaughan and the country of Canada. This legislation will help prevent a dark day like that from happening again. Hate and racism in Canada is all of our problem, not just a Jewish issue, and we should all stand up against this crisis of antisemitism.

Thank you for being leaders and forward thinkers, and using the law to help make Canada safer.

We are forever grateful.

Lauren