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ISRAELI-AMERICAN CIVIC EDUCATION INSTITUTE CONDEMNS REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
Calls on Government to Cease Honoring Verified Nazi Collaborator

Los Angeles, California: The Israeli-American Civic Education Institute is horrified to learn of the decision taken by the Republic of Lithuania to defend known and verified Nazi collaborator Jonas Noreika.

Especially in light of the recent mass murder of Jews in Pittsburgh, we call on the Lithuanian government to retract their honors granted to Holocaust perpetrators, remove their monuments honoring Holocaust perpetrators and take down street signs for Lithuanians that called for ethnic cleansing of their Jewish population. Glorification of hate has never led to positive results.

We refuse to stand by quietly and ignore the Republic of Lithuania's disturbing display of historical revisionism in support of a crime against humanity and embrace of a verified war criminal. Should further action be necessary, we are prepared to facilitate guidance for the submission of complaints to appropriate U.S. officials and urge appropriate diplomatic measures to be taken.

As the United States' only organization exclusively dedicated to empowering the Israeli-American immigrant community through advocacy, civic engagement, and support of civil rights, we are fighting every day to stop the surge of global anti-Semitism which now infects the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

About Israeli-American Civic Education Institute: The Israeli-American Civic Education Institute ("ICEI") is a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to empowering Israeli-Americans through civic engagement and advocacy education programs.

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