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Subject: FW: Public Support Letter for Texas Holocaust & Genocide Commission
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020 1:29:39 PM

From: fran b
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 1:22:29 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Cc: Aronoff Lynne G.; Kornhauser Matthew; Nathan Joy
Subject: Public Support Letter for Texas Holocaust & Genocide Commission

Dear Sirs:

Please accept this letter for Public Support for the Texas Holocaust & Genocide Commission.

Please post all of the letters sent to you on the website under the public comments section of the THGC. Several letters sent to the Sunset Review Commission in September have not been posted. Those will be resent today.

Thank you.

Fran Berg, Commissioner
Texas Holocaust & Genocide Commission

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mally Baum <mbaum@tpcmckinney.org>
Date: December 16, 2020 at 7:24:23 AM CST
To: Fran Berg

Dear Members of the Texas Sunset Commission,

We're sending this letter in enthusiastic support of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission, the Texas Liberator Project, and the important mission of sharing the stories of the atrocities of the Holocaust and the bravery of the Texans involved in liberating concentration camps across Europe.

Our family was proud to be involved with the TLP as they interviewed, honored, and hosted my grandfather WWII veteran Chet Rohn who witnessed firsthand the horrors of the Mauthausen concentration camp in Linz Austria. His stories, and the stories of so many other Texas veterans, have been memorialized on YouTube, in museum exhibits, books, and in an educational app. Thanks to the hard work of the THGC, my grandfather's memories now form part of a curriculum for future generations of Texans.

Remembering the Holocaust and the work of American liberators isn't a mission that should be entrusted to DC or national memorials alone. States like Texas must continue to step up and devote resources to preserving and sharing these precious stories of courage and sacrifice, so that every corner of the country can understand the sacrifices made by the WWII generation.

The mission of the Project is more important now than ever. A recent study showed that over 40 percent of Americans and over 60 percent of American millennials are unfamiliar with the basic facts of the Holocaust. These are

startling figures that should stir us to action. Anti-semitism is on the rise in America and abroad, and voids that are not filled by well-meaning educators could very well be filled with misinformation and hatred.

This is why we see it as vital that the THGC continues to do the important work of teaching Texas students about the horrors of genocide and the dangers of prejudice and animosity. We sincerely hope they will be extended the resources to continue this timely and important mission.

Thank you very much,

The Baum Family

WWII Veteran Chet Rohn (11th Armored Division, Patton's Third Army)
and his family

The Rev Mally Baum (daughter) and her husband Charles Baum
Alec Baum, Christian Baum (grandsons)