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Ms. Tonya Tate
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Via Fax: (615) 741-6285

Dear Ms. Tate:

We, representing a broad coalition of Memphis, Tennessee, and regional faith-based, interfaith, civil rights and educational organizations, are writing to you to express our outrage over recent actions and remarks by criminal court judge Jim Lammey as reported by *The Commercial Appeal.*

Judge Lammey continues to defend his social media posts that link to anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim and racist remarks and negative images of faith-based and ethnic minorities. He stands behind his disparaging and unsubstantiated rhetoric about immigrants. He attempts to justify his own anti-Semitic and racist posts by stating that he "had a Jewish friend" and Latinos have "done a heck of a good job on his roof" – statements which are classic anti-Semitic and racist tropes.

Anti-Semitism, Holocaust denial and racism have no place in our judicial system and serve to undermine the credibility of that system.

We respectfully call on the Administrative Office of the Courts to publicly censure Judge Lammey and to explore bringing the anti-bias and Holocaust education resources of our respective organizations to the judges, clerks and staff of our state judicial system.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jewish Community Partners- Laura Linder, President & CEO
American Muslim Advisory Council- Saadia Omer, Board Member
Anti-Defamation League Southeast Region – Allison Padilla-Goodman, Regional Director
Bridges – Cynthia Ham, CEO
Facing History and Ourselves/Memphis Region-Marti Tippens Murphy, Executive Director
Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation of Nashville and Middle TN – Eric Stillman, Executive Director
Latino Memphis - Mauricio Calvo, Executive Director
Memphis Islamic Center- Ibrahim SultanAli, Chairman
MIFA - Sally Heinz, President & CEO
NAACP Memphis Branch - Vickie Terry, Executive Director
National Civil Rights Museum – Terri Freeman, President
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