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Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Canadian Jewish Congress chair of religious and interreligious affairs notes, "This warm, clear, and forceful declaration recognizes that Canada, unfortunately, has not been immune from a re-emergent global antisemitism. The expressed determination by Church signatories to systematically combat antisemitism across Canada in both word and deed is especially timely and resonates positively with all Canadians."

Rabbi Bulka continues, "It is heartening to note that, in the context of a statement on antisemitism, there is also an appreciation of the Jewish community's significant contribution to Canada and an unequivocal affirmation of Judaism's vigor and inspirational power not only for its adherents but also for other believers."

Keith Landy, CJC national president, adds, "The Canadian Council of Churches is to be congratulated for this important initiative, which joins it to the world-wide effort of ridding antisemitism from contemporary society. Such an effort is an integral part of defending the universal values of human dignity, democracy, pluralism, fundamental freedoms and individual liberty by all those who cherish and share them."

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