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Dear Sirs,

We, Holocaust survivors living in Israel and members of various organizations, have decided to write to you after we were shocked to learn that the issue of decreasing or even halting traditional Claims Conference funding for Holocaust remembrance is tabled for discussion at your upcoming board meeting.

We wish to make it clear: This is unconceivable.

Commemoration of the Shoah, documenting the names of the victims, and especially transmitting the history and lessons of the Shoah to coming generations, is the last will of our brothers who perished – a directive to us and the entire Jewish People.

For us, those who were saved, it is a sacred mission and we will not rest from doing our utmost to fulfill it.

The Claims Conference today allocates only a small percentage of the funds at its disposal for strengthening Holocaust remembrance and preserving the memory of the victims. If there is a need to reevaluate Claims Conference policy, it most certainly should not result in a reduction of this amount, but rather an increase.

We protest the “representation” and the use made in our name as survivors in order to harm the level of funding for Holocaust remembrance, and as such we saw fit to clarify our position on the matter in a clear and unequivocal manner.

We hope that our letter will assist you in making the proper decisions, and it is the least we can do for Holocaust remembrance and the memory of the victims.

Sincerely yours,

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Eliezer Abzac, Holon

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Bracha Elion, Klar Shmaryahu

(Attached please find our signatures on the Hebrew version).

