April 6, 2016

Senator Richard Blumenthal
Senator John Cornyn
Senator Ted Cruz
Senator Chuck Schumer
United States Senate
Washington, DC

Dear Senators:

Seventy one years have passed since the conclusion of World War II, but moral issues still remain. Artworks stolen by the Nazis from Jews during the 1930s and 1940s have still not been returned to their rightful owners. For seven decades, governments, museums and art dealers have withheld the art, giving excuses instead of doing the right thing.

In its commitment to the assistance of Holocaust survivors, B’nai B’rith International is writing to you to thank you for your leadership on the “Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016” and ask that you move swiftly to pass this important legislation.

In our efforts to assist Holocaust survivors, B’nai B’rith International supports the passage of this overdue legislation, which will rectify this injustice and help to ensure that the victims of Nazi-confiscated art that is now located in the United States will have their claims considered and judged on their merits.

We commend and applaud your leadership, and appreciate your efforts in ensuring the prompt enactment of the “Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2016”

Sincerely,

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