

Legislative
UPDATE
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Urge your Representatives to support Rep. Rokita's House Resolution To Condemn Louis Farrakhan for promoting ideas that create animosity and anger toward Jewish Americans and the Jewish religion.

Farrakhan is an American religious leader, an African-American activist, social commentator, the leader of the religious group Nation of Islam, and is well known for his anti-Semitic and racist speeches.

According to Fox News, the Republican Jewish Coalition called on seven Congressional Black Caucus members to resign amid their support for Farrakhan. The members called on to resign were the subject of a story in The Daily Caller, which reported a review of videos, photographs and other documents revealed the lawmakers have had ties to Farrakhan. They are Democratic National Committee Deputy Chair Rep. Keith Ellison, Reps. Maxine Waters of California, Danny Davis of Illinois, Al Green of Texas, Barbara Lee of California, Andre Carson of Indiana, and Gregory Meeks of New York.

Recently, The Women's March, a civil-rights group at the center of protests against the Trump presidency, is losing top staffers and supporters over its leadership's refusal to denounce a racist, homophobic and anti-Semitic rant by Farrakhan. Women's March staffer Alyssa Klein, quit last week as the group's social-media director. According to the New York Post, Klein called Farrakhan "a dangerous troll," and she tweeted that Women's March leaders are "turning a blind eye to the hate spoken about a group of people." The controversy, they say, erupted over a February 25th Farrakhan speech in Chicago in which he called Jews "Satanic," claimed they run the governments of the US and Mexico and are pursuing a "pot plot" to spread marijuana use among black men in a scheme to feminize them.

Representative Rokita's House Resolution 772

Whereas the House of Representatives strongly opposes racism, anti-Semitism, and all forms of ethnic or religious intolerance;

Whereas on February 25, 2018, Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, gave a speech saying "White folks are going down. And Satan is going down. And Farrakhan, by God's grace, has pulled the cover off of that Satanic Jew and I'm here to say your time is up, your world is through."; and

Whereas Louis Farrakhan has consistently attacked Jewish Americans and the Jewish faith, claiming Judaism is nothing more than a "deceptive lie" and a "theological error" promoted by Jews, and claiming that Israel and Jews helped orchestrate the 9/11 attacks: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns Louis Farrakhan for promoting ideas that create animosity and anger toward Jewish Americans and the Jewish religion; and

(2) condemns all manifestations of expressions of racism, anti-Semitism, and ethnic or religious intolerance.