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LEGISLATOR WIEDER ADDRESSES RISE IN HATEFUL RHETORIC

New City (April 2, 2015) – Rockland County Legislator Aron B. Wieder (D- District 13) held a press conference in which he addressed the rise of hateful speech in Rockland County, which has primarily been aimed at the Jewish community. At the press conference, Wieder pointed to numerous examples of openly hateful comments posted on social media.

"The time has come for us to pause and take stock of the state of political dialogue in Rockland County," Wieder said following his press conference. "We must acknowledge that a major problem exists in our county and that regardless of political differences, debates about issues should never descend into hateful and destructive rhetoric aimed at any community."

During his statement at the legislative offices, Wieder referenced comments he made during a legislative discussion condemning the sale of anti-Irish propaganda, and his support of legislation aimed at curbing anti-Irish defamation. He implored the public to "embrace each other and make this county a gem in the Hudson Valley, a model of diversity."

Legislator Wieder also discussed the recent controversial video entitled, "The Jew in Rockland." Pointing out that many in the public had suggested that he was behind the video and asked him about it, Wieder stated, "I didn't narrate the video clip, I haven't sanctioned or produced it, and to be candid, had I produced the video clip, I would have done it differently."

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