



# HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS' FOUNDATION – USA

## Holocaust Survivors Foundation USA (HSF) Statement In Response to Claims Conference-Germany Negotiations – July 13, 2017

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Survivors of the Holocaust Asset  
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Tikvah Acharay Hashoah,  
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Once again, the Claims Conference announcement of their so-called negotiations will mean little to thousands of survivors in dire need of serious health care, mental health care and all the rest of the services they currently are deprived of for lack of the resources Germany should have provided to so many deserving of help. Even a quick reading of the results of these so-called negotiations makes clear there was no intention in helping all the survivors who continue to suffer year after year. How can this be? The House and Senate unanimously passed resolutions voicing their strong support of such assistance so urgently needed be provided. No effort was apparently made at all in the few days they sat in what are termed negotiations, showing how little they care about survivors by the thousands remained mired in poverty and lacking basic care medically mandated by professionals yet still not made available.

Shame on this group of people who say they are negotiating and come up with these pitiful results while these survivors apparently are expected somehow to survive with no care for yet another year of suffering. Why is there no outcry by our Jewish community as the Congress was quickly able to do so in their powerful resolutions last year? The arrogance of this group unwilling to provide the assistance so clearly needed yet again, while declaring victory for small improvements, is wrong. This ongoing tragedy of survivors in need is horrid and in the name of basic decency must somehow be honestly addressed to alleviate the ongoing human tragedies we face every day among our brothers and sisters in need.

Of course it is long overdue that the Iasi, Romania victims received compensation for their suffering. It should not have taken so long, but it cannot be used to obscure the broader failure of the negotiations – once again.

Survivors are appalled that, once again, the Claims Conference is not increasing funds for emergency services -- medicines, certain medical procedures, life-critical and expensive dental care, hearing aids, wheelchairs, transportation to the doctor, and other services that survivors need in many cases to survive. These are desperately and widely needed by Holocaust survivors and obscenely underfunded.

Finally, the announced increase in home care funding, once again, conceals the greater scandal of grossly insufficient funding for home care. \$462 million seems like a lot, but is tragically low when compared with survivors' actual real-life needs, and when spread across the 67,000 survivors worldwide the CC said it served last year.

It is time to end the piecemeal, secret negotiations that have failed to alleviate the poverty and suffering of so many survivors. Survivors need and deserve a comprehensive program of care fully funded by Germany for a new life worry free for the last part of their lives. These funds should be channeled to the survivors through the U.S. government or directly to survivors. Given the failures of the current system, and existing programs where Germany pays survivors directly, there is simply no need for the Claims Conference as a broker or intermediary.

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