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**STOP ANTISEMITISM COLORADO LAUDS SPEAKER JULIE MCCLUSKIE FOR
ADMONISHING REP. EPPS'S DISRUPTION OF SPECIAL SESSION**

Denver, CO – Stop Antisemitism Colorado issued a statement praising House Speaker Julie McCluskie for formally reprimanding Denver Democratic Rep. Elisabeth Epps over her disruption during the special legislative session.

“We appreciate the Speaker’s leadership and her clear condemnation of the disruptive and disrespectful behavior exhibited by Rep. Epps during the special session. What we saw was a legislator hijacking the people’s business for her own political grandstanding. Rep. Epps turned what should have been a debate on food benefits for children into a protest that disrupted legislative business where she demeaned Jewish members of the legislature. This is exactly the kind of harmful rhetoric that incites hate and perpetuates antisemitism, and has absolutely no place in our state Capitol. We are grateful to the Speaker for setting a tone of decorum and decency and hope to see all members act with civility and respect throughout the session.”

Following Epps’s incident in November, a coalition of Colorado Jewish Democrats [released a letter](#) signed by more than 200 elected officials, party leaders, faith leaders, and community members calling on fellow members of the Democratic party to stop the dangerous and divisive rhetoric around the Israel-Hamas war.

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Stop Antisemitism Colorado is committed to combating the egregious rise in antisemitism in our political discourse. We aim to call out antisemitism whenever and wherever we see it, helping others recognize what constitutes antisemitism, educating and raising awareness, building alliances, and organizing support for legislation and candidates who will stand up to Jewish hate and implicit and explicit bias.