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MILWAUKEE JEWISH COUNCIL, INC.

Position Paper

JACKSON-VANIK FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION ACT

The Milwaukee Jewish Council, Inc. is prepared to support a waiver of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, if the President of the United States determines that significant assurances have been made on the following four priority concerns:

1. A high and sustained level of emigration
2. Strict limits on the "state secrets" restriction
3. Resolution of the "poor relatives" problem, and
4. Progress on the cases of the long-term refuseniks.

The criteria for these assurances are set forth in the legislative history of the waiver provisions of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, which specifies that the assurances must relate to the removal of "unreasonable impediments" to or against persons wishing to emigrate.