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**Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center Statement
From Executive Director Richard Hirschhaut Re: Shooting at
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum**

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is shocked and saddened to learn of the tragic shooting earlier today at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family of the security guard killed in this senseless attack.

The constant safety of Museum patrons is always the top priority of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. To ensure the safety of all our visitors, the Museum was built with a state of the art security system, which was developed in consultation with experts in the security field and with the support of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

In response to this tragedy, the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is working closely with the Skokie Police Department and other law enforcement agencies to ensure a heightened level of security in and around the facility.

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