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BiasHELP, an anti-bias agency on Long Island, adds its voice to all the others outraged by the recent murder of the Holocaust Museum's security guard in Washington, DC. With this incident comes a renewed need and support for anti-bias education, leadership and policy changes with BiasHELP leading the way on Long Island. According to the most recently available Federal Bureau of Investigation's statistics, 7,624 hate crime incidents were reported nationwide in 2007 – about one crime per hour of every day. This number is estimated to be much lower than the actual number of hate crimes that occurred because the vast majority of hate crimes go unreported both by victims and local police departments.

Unlike this most recent incident in DC, young people commit the vast majority of hate crimes reported today with bullying and cyber-bullying on the rise. Almost 30% of youth in the United States (or over 5.7 million) are estimated to be involved in bullying as either a bully, a target of bullying, or both. Every year more than 500,000 college students are targets of bias-driven slurs or physical assaults. Every day at least one hate crime occurs on a college campus. Every minute a college student somewhere sees or hears racist, sexist, homophobic or otherwise biased words or images.

For more information on BiasHELP's anti-bias programming and efforts, please visit the website at www.BiasHELP.org or call our toll free number at 877.END. BIAS (363.2427).