

February 12, 2026

The Honorable James E. Risch
Chair
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
483 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Risch and Ranking Member Shaheen:

We write to strongly oppose the nomination of Jeremy Carl to serve as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations at the U.S. Department of State. Mr. Carl's record reflects views that are fundamentally incompatible with the responsibilities of this role and with the values the United States must uphold on the global stage.

This position requires a clear commitment to civil rights, non-discrimination obligations under international law, the protection of refugees, and the inherent dignity of all human beings without regard to race or national origin. Mr. Carl's public statements and writings demonstrate hostility to these principles. He has disparaged the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as an "anti-white weapon," invoked the so-called "Great Replacement" theory, engaged in anti-Black racism, denied America's identity as a nation of immigrants, and used violent rhetoric against political opponents while excusing the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

The Assistant Secretary for International Organizations represents the United States in multilateral bodies addressing human rights, refugees, international migration, race and equity, anti-discrimination, and global development. Mr. Carl's portrayal of immigrants and communities of color as threats to the nation's future is incompatible with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with the principles of a multiracial democracy itself.

Appointing someone who has publicly questioned the legitimacy of civil rights protections and international bodies would further undermine U.S. credibility and weaken our capacity to lead with moral authority on the world stage.

For these reasons, we urge the Committee to reject Mr. Carl's nomination.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We look forward to your leadership in ensuring that U.S. foreign policy reflects our highest ideals of equality, justice, and human dignity.

Sincerely,

National Urban League

National Action Network

National Coalition on Black Civic Participation

NAACP

Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

National Council of Negro Women