



הארגון הבינלאומי של עורכי-דין ומשפטנים יהודים (ע"ר)  
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LAWYERS AND JURISTS (R.A.)

March 27, 2017

Ms. Kerstin Giese  
Deutscher Bundestag  
Platz der Republik 1  
Berlin 11011

Dear Ms. Giese;

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ), a UN-accredited NGO, was founded in 1969 to combat Anti-Semitism, Holocaust denial, and racism, and to promote human rights worldwide, and has members in more than 20 countries. I therefore am writing to you in your capacity as the chairwoman of the social affairs parliament group of the Bundestag on the issue of amending the German Pensions for Work in Ghettos law (ZRBG) of 2002.

We add our organization to the numerous organizations that have already written to various German authorities about amending this law, which currently excludes Nazi-era forced Ghetto laborers who at the time were under 14 years of age or have not yet completed a 60 month waiting period from qualifying to receive German pensions under this law for this abuse.

We have no doubt that you and your colleagues agree that this wrong should be corrected; people who were forced laborers during the Nazi era should not have to remain discriminated against several decades later regarding an attempt to compensate them for this injustice. We are also aware of the unsuccessful attempt in the Bundestag in March 2013 to amend this law. We therefore add our support to you and your colleagues and hope that you continue to find methods to amend this law and bring this injustice to an end.

Sincerely,

Irit Kohn, Adv.  
President