

## **Statement On ActionForum Comments.**

Statement from Eli Pariser, MoveOn.org Political Action

“MoveOn’s ActionForum is an open forum where members of the public and MoveOn members can post their thoughts regarding important political issues.

Once in a while—as in any public forum—inappropriate material is posted. Recently, a few of the thousands of comments that are posted every week contained anti-Semitic language.

The comments that were posted were abhorrent. We were dismayed to see them, and removed them as soon as they came to our attention 17 days ago.

Many of the comments identified were not, in fact, made by MoveOn members. We are working to discern whether they were made as a part of a right-wing campaign to target the organization. Clearly, any attempt to tie MoveOn’s 3.2 million members to the hateful comments of a few non-members on an online public forum is wrong.

We were pleased to see that so many MoveOn members rose to sharply criticize the hate speech that was posted – even before it was brought to our attention.”