

# **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## **Statement from Not In Our Town Billings on weekend fire bombings.**

*Billings, MT.* **Not In Our Town** is an organization committed to standing against violence in any form, and for any reason. We are deeply concerned that our organization was implicated in an act of violent cowardice. Our mission and vision reflect a no-nonsense approach to acts of intolerance. This action, clearly designed to instigate fear and insecurity, is abominable to the work we do to peacefully educate our community about the damage that is done when fear and hate drive the behavior of a few. **Not In Our Town Billings** stands in solidarity with the victims of this weekend's attacks and voices a resounding challenge to those who would seek to terrorize their opponents rather than to face them in a civilized debate. *-Eran Thompson, Chair, NIOT Billings*