

Dear President Biden,

As former Biden and Obama administration officials and campaign staff, we are writing to express our deep appreciation for your moral clarity, courageous leadership, and staunch support of Israel, one of our nation's strongest allies, in the aftermath of the worst massacre of Jewish people in a single day since the Holocaust. We also appreciate the leadership of Vice President Harris, Second Gentleman Emhoff, former President Obama, and other senior Administration officials, as well as Democratic leaders in Congress, who have expressed their strong support for Israel at this difficult time.

On October 7, Hamas murdered approximately 1,200 people, including 35 Americans and more than 200 foreign nationals from 35 different countries; injured thousands more; and took 240 individuals hostage, one of the largest mass abductions in modern history. We are grateful to you for unequivocally condemning Hamas's terrorism and war crimes as "unadulterated evil" and appreciate your historic visit to Israel, the first for an American President during wartime.

We support your request for an unprecedented \$14.3 billion in U.S. security assistance to Israel, and hope Congress approves this funding to ensure the continuation of essential and life-saving military aid bolstering Israel's security and right to self-defense. We also support your request for additional military aid to Ukraine and Palestinian humanitarian assistance, and hope Congress passes this important aid package as soon as possible. Finally, we commend the administration for moving two carrier strike groups to the region to deter Iran and its proxy Hezbollah.

As you said on October 11, "my commitment to Israel's security and the safety of the Jewish people is unshakeable. The United States has Israel's back. And I have yours as well, both at home and abroad." We are grateful that the Biden-Harris Administration continues to take every step to fight bigotry and protect the Jewish community during the terrifying rise in antisemitic incidents in the United States and around the world, specifically on college campuses, following the October 7th massacre.

Five weeks after Hamas's unconscionable attacks, we agree with you that a ceasefire is not possible at this time. We know a two-plus-year ceasefire between Israel and Hamas was in place on October 6, which Hamas exploited to arm, regroup, build tunnels, and plan the horrific attacks of October 7. We also support the humanitarian pauses you've called for to ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid and help facilitating the release of hostages, which include at least ten American citizens. We are deeply concerned about the safety and wellbeing of the approximately 240 hostages, whose fate remains unknown to their families after weeks of captivity.

We know that the Palestinian people have suffered terribly under Hamas's rule in Gaza, where Hamas continues to use Palestinian civilians as human shields, and we strongly support your Administration's efforts to deliver food, medicine, water, and other essential aid to Palestinians civilians. Since they won parliamentary elections in 2006 and seized control of Gaza in 2007, Hamas has engaged in multiple violent cross-border conflicts with Israel and diverted essential goods and services from the Palestinian people. We are deeply concerned about the humanitarian crisis that existed in Gaza prior to October 7, and support your efforts to ensure the delivery of aid into Gaza, where too many innocent lives have been lost since this war began. Finally, we appreciate your reaffirmation that the Israeli military response must be

conducted in a manner that is consistent with Israeli values and international law, and that more must be done to limit Palestinian civilian casualties.

To those blaming Israel alone for this violence or excusing the atrocities including rape and beheading as “resistance,” we want to be very clear: there is no moral equivalence between Israel and Hamas, a designated terrorist organization responsible for mass atrocities. No aspect of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict justifies Hamas’s unconscionable war crimes on October 7 and the destruction it has caused in Gaza in the weeks before and since. As you have said, “Hamas does not stand for the Palestinian people’s right to dignity and self-determination... Hamas offers nothing but terror and bloodshed with no regard to who pays the price.”

We agree with the aspiration, recently articulated by Secretary Blinken, to “help forge a different future, a very different future, for Israelis and Palestinians alike.” There must be hope for a better future, including preserving prospects for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which has been the position of every U.S. administration for three decades, except that of Donald Trump. We particularly appreciate the steps taken during the Obama-Biden administration to promote and preserve prospects for two states.

Mr. President, we are grateful to you and Vice President Harris for your leadership in this moment of crisis, and please know that you have our strongest support as you continue to serve our country with such distinction and dedication.

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