

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 11th, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Antony J. Blinken
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

The Honorable Alejandro N. Mayorkas
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, D.C., 20528

Dear President Biden, Secretary Blinken, and Secretary Mayorkas,

This past weekend we witnessed Hamas terrorists commit the single largest murder of Jews on a single day since the Holocaust. Over 1,200 Israelis have been murdered and Hamas has committed unspeakable war crimes.

Over the weekend, many of us received calls from devastated constituents with Israeli family members wishing to take advantage of Israel's recent admission into the Visa Waiver Program and host their loved ones. However, visa-free travel for Israeli citizens does not take effect until November 30th, 2023.

As President Biden and many others have said since the attacks began, the United States stands shoulder to shoulder with our ally Israel and her people. As the Administration continues to work to provide Israel with all the tools it needs to defend itself against this heinous attack, **we urge that you take the additional step of immediately allowing visa-free travel for Israeli citizens so that those who have family in the United States can shelter with their loved ones as the war continues.**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

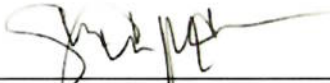
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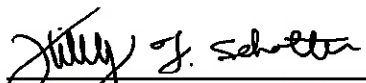
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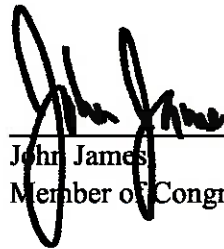
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