

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 17, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear President Trump and Secretary Rubio:

We are writing with deep urgency on behalf of our constituents currently located in Israel amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran. Iran has launched more than 350 ballistic missiles at Israel since Friday, June 13, 2025.¹ While the majority of these missiles have been intercepted before impact, those that have breached defenses have tragically resulted in at least 24 fatalities in Israel and more than 300 injuries as of Monday, June 16, 2025.² Israel's shelter-in-place alerts have been effective in significantly reducing potential casualties by helping civilians reach protected areas in time. Nonetheless, ongoing waves of missiles, including those targeting major cities like Tel Aviv and Haifa, continue to pose a serious threat, including to American citizens. With the U.S. Embassy closed, many Americans are facing an uncertain future with no clear options for departure.³

We urge you to act quickly. Americans in Israel are depending on our government for guidance and a pathway to safety. We understand the obstacles posed by the current security situation and the closure of Israel's airspace. Therefore, all available options including evacuations by land routes and sea must be explored. At a minimum, American citizens in Israel deserve updates on the efforts underway to ensure their safe departure. Unfortunately, representatives at the Department of State have been unable to provide sufficient answers beyond directing our constituents to register for the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).

We trust that you will honor your responsibility to protect the American people, no matter where they are in the world. Please provide a response no later than June 18, 2025, to ensure we can communicate an effective plan for the departure to our constituents.

¹ *8 killed, nearly 300 injured as Iranian ballistic missiles strike central Israel, Haifa* | *The Times of Israel*. (2025, June 16). The Times of Israel. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/8-killed-nearly-300-injured-as-iranian-ballistic-missiles-strike-central-israel-haifa/>

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³ *Security Alert: U.S. Embassy Jerusalem*. U.S. Embassy in Israel. <https://il.usembassy.gov/security-alert-u-s-embassy-jerusalem-29/>

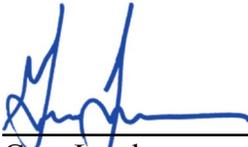
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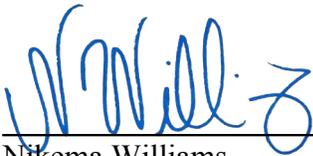
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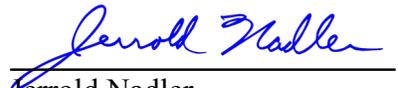
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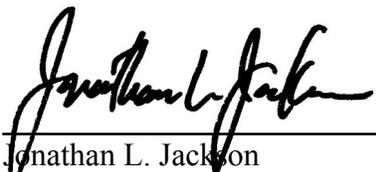
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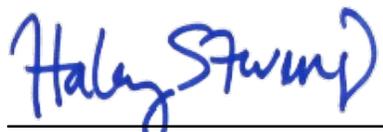
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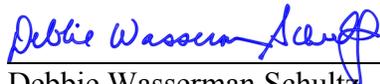
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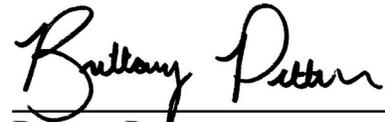
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