

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 8, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President-Elect of the United States of America
451 6th St., NW
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Dear President-Elect:

Twelve days ago, following months of militant terrorists' rocket attacks into Israeli cities, Israel began military operations against Hamas targets in Gaza. Now, as a ground invasion is under way, the world looks to the United States and its leaders to guide them through this crisis.

With our nation embroiled in a deadly conflict against the forces of terrorism, it is imperative that we demonstrate to the world our unwavering support for the people of Israel as they struggle against Hamas. Indeed, Israel is fighting an enemy committed to her destruction and we must not equivocate at this critical time.

As the incoming President of the United States and leader of the free world, both our allies and adversaries have looked to you for your reaction to this crisis. Your silence has resulted in troubling speculation concerning the future of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. Speculation has been further compounded by your explanation that our country must maintain a singular foreign policy. This comment suggests your views concerning the Gaza crisis differ from the Bush administration, a fact that must be highly alarming to the Israeli people who have enjoyed a close relationship with the United States during the Bush Presidency.

As Members of Congress committed to maintaining strong ties with Israel, we believe it is essential that you take a stand on this issue as soon as possible and that you eliminate all ambiguity concerning the resolve of the United States to aid the Israeli people in their struggle against terrorism.

Sincerely,



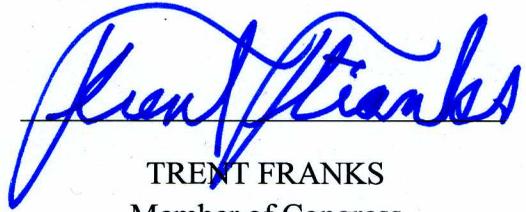
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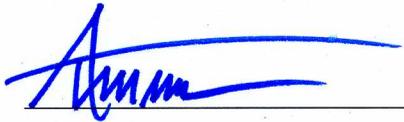
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