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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ben Cardin  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable James E. Risch  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Senate Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Cardin and Ranking Member Risch,

We write to you today, in the face of an unprecedented crisis in Israel, expressing ADL's (Anti-Defamation League) strong support for the Honorable Jack Lew to be immediately confirmed as the next U.S. Ambassador to Israel. As we confront the developing situation in Israel, it is imperative that we have a skilled and dedicated diplomat in place to represent the United States.

At this critical moment in history, when Israel is facing an unprovoked war that has left more than 700 Israelis murdered, more than 2,000 injured, and at least 100 women, children and men kidnapped by the terrorist organizations Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, it is critical that we demonstrate strong U.S. leadership and support for our closest ally in the Middle East.

The horrific violence is taking a devastating toll on the people of Israel. Our moral obligation as a nation is to stand firmly by their side during this challenging time.

Yesterday, President Biden expressed his strong support for Israel's right to self-defense, "unequivocally condemn[ed] this appalling assault against Israel by Hamas terrorists from Gaza" and made clear that the United States stands "ready to offer all appropriate means of support to the Government and people of Israel." These words reaffirm the enduring bond between our nations and emphasize the importance of American leadership during times of crisis.

Jack Lew's confirmation as U.S. Ambassador to Israel is the realized manifestation of that support. His extensive experience in public service, including as Secretary of the Treasury and White House Chief of Staff under President Obama, demonstrates his exceptional leadership abilities and dedication.

The coming days and weeks will be a difficult time as Israel embarks on a war to defend its territory and people, and degrade and defeat Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Coordination, cooperation, and support between the United States and Israel will be more critical than ever. A confirmed U.S. Ambassador to Israel is fundamental to ensure that the United States supports the Jewish state in its time of need.

The United States and Israel share a unique and unbreakable bond based on shared values, common interests, and a commitment to democracy and security. It is vital that we send a clear message to the world that the United States stands firmly with Israel in the face of war and barbaric violence. Confirming Jack Lew as the U.S. Ambassador to Israel would signal our unwavering support for our ally and our commitment to promoting peace, stability in the region, and ultimately achieving a viable two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, and please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Greenblatt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" being more prominent than the last name "Greenblatt".

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