

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 25, 2010

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
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Madam Secretary:

We are writing to thank you for leading the Obama Administration's strong opposition to the biased and dangerous "Report of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict," otherwise known as the Goldstone Report. We remain concerned, however, that nations which do not share the United States' vision of a peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will continue to use the Report as a tool to delegitimize Israel and sabotage the peace process. Accordingly, we urge you to maintain your strong leadership on this issue and continue working to prevent these unjust attacks against Israel.

As you know, on January 29, 2010, the Israeli government submitted to the United Nations a 46-page update outlining the steps it has taken to investigate Operation Cast Lead, which was undertaken to stop Hamas rocket fire from Gaza into Israel. The Israeli report details the investigations, legal proceedings and lessons learned from the Gaza offensive. The Israeli report demonstrates that Israel is fully prepared to investigate its own actions using existing impartial and independent mechanisms.

We know you share our concerns about an anticipated UN General Assembly resolution that is expected to refer the Goldstone Report to the Security Council, and ultimately to the International Court of Justice. This is an extremely troubling development that threatens to undermine the renewal of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks at a critical time, and is counterproductive to our foreign policy goals. We believe that the correct venue for investigating issues related to Operation Cast Lead is not the Security Council or the International Court of Justice, but the world-class Israeli justice system itself.

We share your commitment to a secure and lasting peace in the Middle East, and we applaud you for making it clear that the United States is seeking to change the status quo at the United Nations. We support your continued efforts to prevent multilateral institutions from being tainted by an anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic agenda that questions the legitimacy of Israel's right to self-defense.

We urge you to continue communicating to your counterparts around the world that defending the right to self-defense for Israel, the United States, and all free democracies is an important American foreign policy priority. We must ensure that our allies help us to prevent the referral

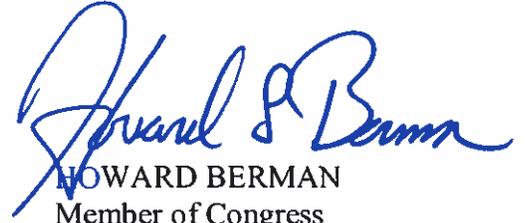
of the Goldstone Report to the International Court of Justice -- therefore jeopardizing the peace process.

We look forward to working with you on this matter.

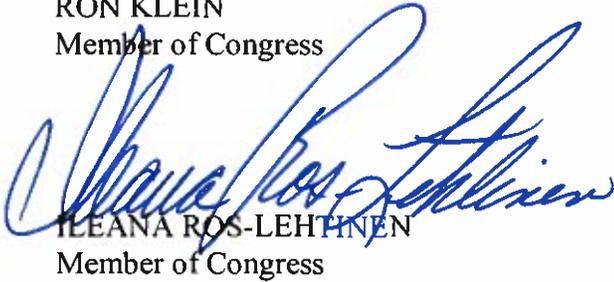
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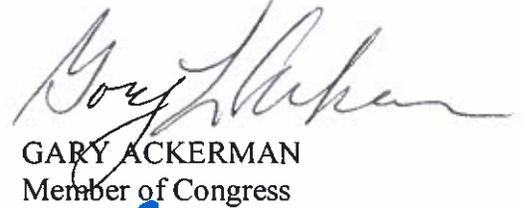
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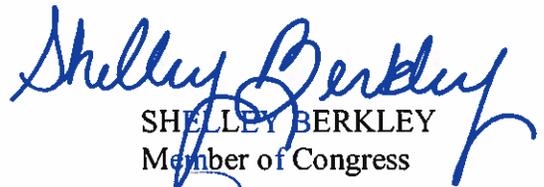
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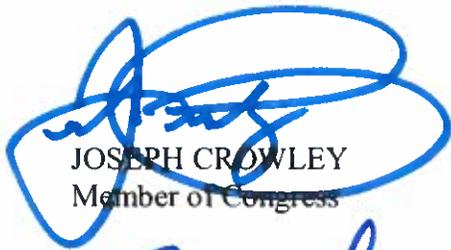
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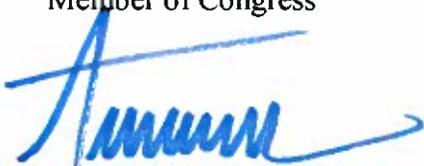
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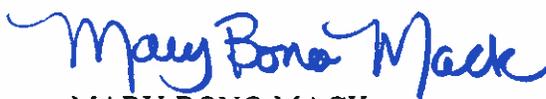

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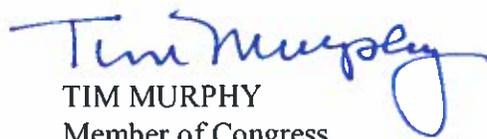

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