Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. President:

We welcome the implementation of the first phase of the ceasefire in Gaza and the return of the hostages. Sustained American pressure is critical to achieving further diplomatic breakthroughs. We urge you not to ease any leverage until all phases of the agreement come into full effect.

As we are already witnessing, the end to the war also marks the beginning of a longer and far more difficult process toward building durable peace, security, and stability. We are encouraged by the 20-point plan your administration put forward – also backed and agreed to by Israel, Hamas, the Palestinian Authority (PA), key Arab states, and the rest of the international community.

It is now vital that your administration takes a leading role to ensure implementation of the peace deal and that all stakeholders adhere to their commitments. We cannot return to the destructive cycle of the last two years. Hamas must return all the bodies of the deceased hostages that it holds and disarm itself. The Israeli government must facilitate a continuous and unobstructed surge of humanitarian aid, which should not be leveraged for political purposes. All sides must work to prevent the type of escalation we have already seen since the ceasefire began. Not another bomb can drop, or military escalation be greenlit – the ceasefire must hold.

In the immediate term, your administration must work quickly with all regional stakeholders to establish effective security and political institutions in Gaza that can serve as an effective replacement for Hamas. In line with your proposal, this requires the establishment of an international security force working closely with and ultimately transitioning to Palestinian Security Forces. It should also include an interim governing entity that has credibility with the people of Gaza and will serve them and includes no role for Hamas. Ultimately, these authorities should transition to a reformed and politically accountable Palestinian Authority that would govern a unified Palestine. To achieve that will also require a meaningful and genuine commitment from the Palestinian Authority to reform and a new strategy from Israel and the United States committed to lifting up moderate Palestinian voices in the PA, rather than a pre-October 7th strategy that purposefully weakened or circumvented them.

These steps will also require the IDF's full withdrawal from Gaza, as well as your strong opposition to continued settlement expansion, settler violence, or annexation of any territory in the West Bank, which would destroy the prospects of peace between Israelis and Palestinians and halt the expansion of the Abraham Accords.

Moving into the second and third phases of the deal will take years of sustained US leadership and international cooperation. It will require your administration's persistent engagement and tough diplomacy, including by applying meaningful pressure on all parties to carry out politically challenging steps. Implementing your plan also necessitates significant US investment in Gaza's reconstruction, which we strongly support. Leading the international effort to rebuild Gaza and create a pathway toward a Palestinian state is critical for not just Palestinian people, but for the US's national security interests, as we are facing a historic opportunity to transform the region.

Mr. President, as you know, with diligent American leadership the US could facilitate a comprehensive regional agreement that leads to Israel's full integration into the region, leaving it at peace with its Arab neighbors and a demilitarized State of Palestine alongside it. We stand at a major historical hinge point. If your administration moves urgently and continues to use the leverage it has, we can move toward a future where both Israelis and Palestinians live in freedom, security, and dignity in states of their own. We urge quick action and sustained and relentless engagement to implement the next phases of your 20-point plan.

Respectfully,

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