

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 26, 2026

The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister
Kiryat Ben-Gurion
Building C
Jerusalem 91950
Israel

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

We write in shared concern and opposition to the growing levels of violence in the West Bank.¹ Many of us have previously expressed to President Trump that continued settlement expansion and fighting in the West Bank will harm Israel's long-term security and the prospects for lasting peace, prosperity, and freedom for Israelis and Palestinians alike.²

Incidents of fatal violence by settlers have reportedly already surpassed 2025 levels and continue to increase. The last few weeks alone saw a significant surge in violence on both sides, resulting in a large-scale response by Israeli security forces, mass arrests of Palestinians, and reported attacks by settlers on mosques. We urge you to take measures to prevent and intercede in this violence, establish a credible mechanism to investigate violations of law, and to make clear that the Government of Israel will not tolerate violence by its people, just as it does not tolerate violence against its people.

We write particularly on behalf of American citizens who have been killed or threatened in such violence. Many of us have heard first-hand from their families and other constituents who have themselves been threatened without cause by settlers. We have engaged the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem and your embassy in Washington to ensure their protection and appreciate measures taken on their behalf, but a more significant response from your government is clearly needed. We ask for your personal and direct engagement and intervention in order to protect our constituents and their families.

President Trump and Secretary of State Rubio have expressed their opposition to all violence in the West Bank and actions aimed at annexation, but those concerns have gone unaddressed.³ Now, we urge you to take the following actions:

¹ Lazar Berman and Emanuel Fabian, "IDF Officers Said to Tell PM Jewish Terror Accounts for Up to 80% of West Bank Incidents," *Times of Israel*, May 14, 2026.

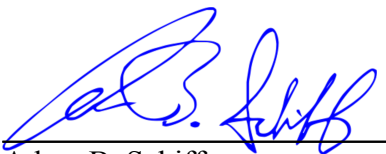
² Letter from 46 Senators to President Trump, October 21, 2025, <https://www.schiff.senate.gov/news/press-releases/news-sen-schiff-45-senate-democrats-urge-donald-trump-to-reinforce-opposition-to-west-bank-annexation/>.

³ The Trump Administration has also expressed its interest in ensuring that financial transactions between Israeli and Palestinian banks are not disrupted, which is vital to ensuring security in the West Bank. David M. Halbfinger and Adam Rasgon, "Israeli Banks Threaten to Cut Off Palestinian Economy, Deepening Crisis," *New York Times*, July 22, 2026.

- Issue clear directives to the Israeli Police and Israeli Defense Forces to prevent and intervene in harassment, threats, and actual use of violence, regardless of the perpetrators.
- Ensure that all those responsible for harassment, threats, and violence against Palestinians, including Palestinian-Americans, are held accountable through a transparent and credible process. This includes completing investigations into and ensuring accountability for the deaths of nine American citizens who have been killed by settlers or security forces in the West Bank since 2022.
- Stop approving additional settlements and stop allowing the construction of, and take steps to remove, illegal outposts in the West Bank.

Like you, the safety and security of our constituents is of paramount importance. We urge your government to ensure that Americans in the Israeli-controlled parts of the West Bank are able to enjoy the security and protection of property to which they are entitled. We also hope to see the conditions improved so that Israelis and Palestinians may one day live in peace with each other without the fear of terrorism or lawless violence.

Sincerely,



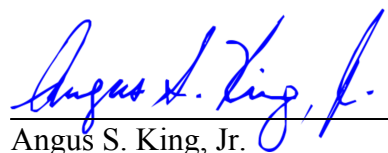
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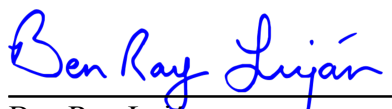
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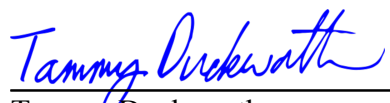
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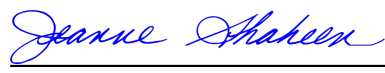
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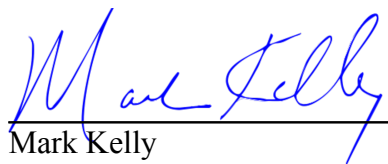
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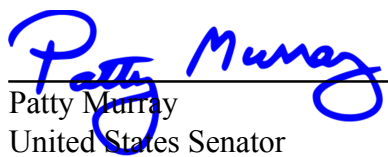
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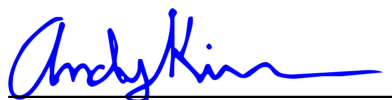
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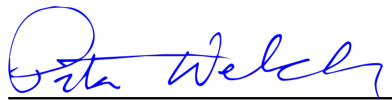
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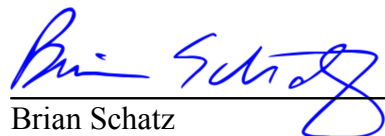
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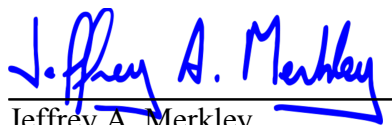
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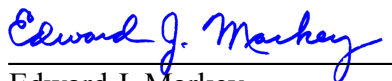
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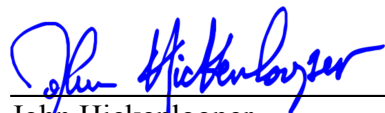
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cc: The Honorable Marco Rubio
H.E. Ambassador Yechiel Leiter