

Dear Commissioner Rick Tryon ,

Israel is once again under attack.

On October 7th, Hamas, the Iran-backed terror group controlling Gaza, launched an unprecedented surprise attack on Israel.

Since the attack began, reports have confirmed at least 1,200 Israelis have been murdered, including 40 babies, 239 people have been kidnapped, 5,400 people have been wounded, with hundreds in critical condition, and more than 9,000 rockets have been fired against Israeli towns and civilians.

As your constituent, I am asking you to reaffirm your commitment to the U.S.-Israel relationship, Israel's right to defend itself, denounce Hamas terror, and to help us bring home all the hostages held by Hamas in Gaza.

The United States and Israel share an unbreakable bond based on shared values. A secure and thriving Israel is paramount to America's national security. From cooperation on technological and medical advancements, to security collaboration, a thriving, multidimensional U.S.-Israel partnership benefits Americans from all walks of life.

Israel is under constant threat, both from terrorists such as Iran's proxies Hamas and Hezbollah, and from those who undermine Israel's right to exist. The attacks of October 7 destroyed any assumptions that Hamas' had a pragmatic interest in governing Gaza – its sole goal is the elimination of Israel and the Jewish people. As such, calling for a ceasefire gives Hamas credit and authority it no longer deserves. Calls for a ceasefire are not reasonable or realistic, nor is it the only way to guarantee that Palestinian civilians will be protected. Existing efforts to allow for food, water, medicine, and other essential assistance to flow into Gaza and to the people who need them must be bolstered.

This latest string of violent attacks highlights the precarious situation Israel faces and the need for America to stand with Israel against the many challenges she faces. The vital relationship between the U.S. and Israel must be celebrated and closely safeguarded, both in times of peace and crisis. Your support for the Jewish state is of paramount importance to millions of Americans across this country.

Thank you for supporting a safe and secure Israel.