

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 16, 2023

The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Austin,

We urge you to provide Israel with the two available Iron Dome systems and batteries that are currently in the United States Army's possession. Honoring our longstanding friendship, shared values of democracy, and respect for sovereignty, this is an important step that is consistent with the security relationship between the United States and Israel, and demonstrates our ongoing commitment to Israel's security.

It is essential that the two Iron Dome systems be transferred to Israel along with the equipment and munitions that the Department of Defense has already said it will provide as soon as possible. These systems, defensive in nature, will protect innocent women, children, and the elderly as Israel defends itself against Hamas' terrorist attacks that are being supported by Hezbollah.

We appreciate that the Administration has announced an enhanced defense posture in the Middle East by moving the U.S.S. Gerald R. Ford and U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike groups into the Middle East in support of Israel.

We look forward to working with you to ensure Israel has the necessary resources and capabilities to defend itself on every front against any, and all threats. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brian J. Mast
Member



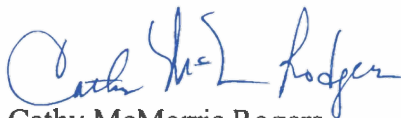
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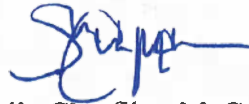
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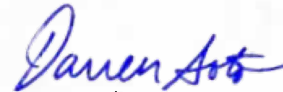
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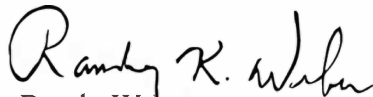
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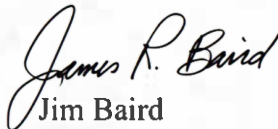
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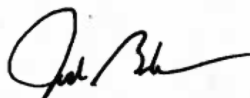
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