

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 25, 2025

The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio:

We write to urge immediate U.S. diplomatic engagement in response to the historic statement from the Arab League. For the first time, the world's Arab countries have condemned Hamas's October 7 attack, called for its disarmament and removal from power in Gaza, called for the release of all the hostages, and endorsed a path toward a two-state solution rooted in security, legitimacy, and diplomacy. While there is much we disagree with in the statement, we do believe that this breakthrough presents a rare and urgent opportunity to ensure Israel's security and create a brighter future for innocent Palestinians free from Hamas through American leadership.

We urge you to work closely with Israel and move quickly to convene key regional and international partners to broker a coordinated agreement that achieves three vital objectives: (1) the immediate and unconditional release of all Israeli hostages held by Hamas; (2) the removal of Hamas from political and military control of Gaza; and (3) a responsible de-escalation of the conflict to protect civilians and create space for reconstruction, governance reform, and peacebuilding.

The statement made at the conference offers a unique opportunity—one that strengthens both Israel's long-term security and Palestinians' aspirations for self-determination under accountable, nonviolent leadership. While we once again emphasize that we do not endorse everything in the text, we recognize the unprecedented nature of the declaration and believe it presents a positive shift that opens the door to productive diplomacy and long-term solutions.

We believe this approach is far more constructive than recent unilateral and performative recognitions of a Palestinian state by other nations, which risk emboldening Hamas, entrenching division, and undermining the very legitimacy and peace such recognition purports to advance.

This moment demands moral clarity and strategic resolve. We affirm Israel's right to exist securely and defend its people against existential threats in the region and across the globe, and we wholly reject any possibility of Hamas continuing to maintain power and control in Gaza. We also believe the hunger crisis and suffering of civilians in Gaza—particularly among children—requires urgent action to stop the violence, expand humanitarian assistance, and build a better future. With regional partners signaling readiness to help facilitate both security and governance transitions, the United States has a pivotal role to play in turning principle into progress toward a two-state solution.

Secretary Rubio, we urge you to use every tool available to help bring hostages home, disarm and remove Hamas from power, and lay the foundation for a lasting peace based on mutual recognition, security, and dignity. This is a chance to protect Israel—our strongest ally—and align American values with regional momentum, and also leave a lasting legacy.

We stand ready to support these efforts and we look forward to working with you.

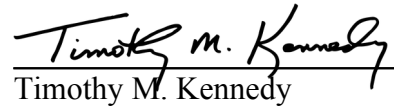
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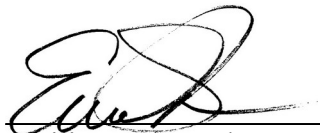
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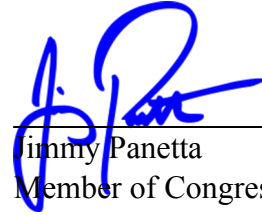


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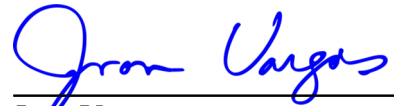
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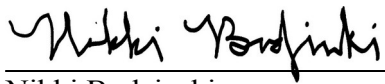
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