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Joe Biden  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Relationship with Israel

Dear President Biden:

I have reviewed your comments in your recent CNN interview regarding Israel. You stated your views that you are urging the government of Israel not to reform and improve its judiciary. You stated your opposition to certain members of Mr. Netanyahu's cabinet as being too conservative for your taste. You also criticized the Israeli handling of its border defense and security along the West Bank.

I write to you to express my view that your attempts to influence or interfere with Israeli internal politics and government is misguided and inappropriate. Just as we do not want foreign actors telling us how to run our court system, or what cabinet members should be appointed or fired, you and your office should not be interfering with their internal affairs. Each sovereign nation is responsible for its own best interests.

Rather than criticizing the Prime Minister of Israel, your office should focus on enhancing and protecting the relationship the United States has with Israel. Our relationship is based on mutual respect. Telling a sovereign country how to run its internal matters is not an act of mutual respect.

I trust that the Israelis will not hold it against our nation your inappropriate interference into that nation's affairs. I ask that you reconsider your actions and statements and understand that a mutual friendship among nations means respecting our differences as well as embracing our commonalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul A. Gosar" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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