

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 7, 2024

This October 7th, we, the Utah Congressional Delegation, acknowledge and condemn the evil and depraved act of terrorism inflicted on the Israeli people by Hamas one year ago today. We call for the immediate return of all hostages held by Hamas and stand with those fighting the scourge of antisemitism in our world.

We pray for the return of the seven American citizens still being held hostage by Hamas at this very hour. We call for Hamas to return all remaining hostages to their families with immediate effect.

We grieve for the family members who lost loved ones at the Nova Festival, and the many villages and cities near the Gaza border, particularly the family of Utah's own Lotan Abir.

We note that members of our delegation have met with hostage families and stand behind them both in action and in prayer.

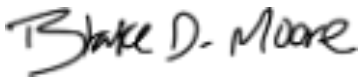
We acknowledge that Israel remains our most important ally in the Middle East region and a country with which we as Americans share much in common – and that this premeditated attack was acutely felt in Utah and across the United States.

We remain concerned over the increase of antisemitism in America over the past year, with rhetoric on our college campuses delving into gross tropes and conspiracies, and synagogues and houses of worship threatened with violence, even here in Utah.

We declare that the true intentions of the authoritarian regime in Iran are to destroy the state of Israel and sow chaos in the region through an extensive proxy network.

We continue our efforts to promote strong American leadership that rejects antisemitism at home and abroad, ends accommodation efforts with Iran, and supports the defense and security of the state of Israel.

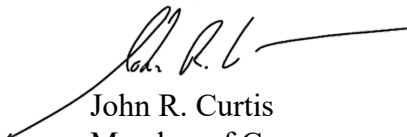
Signed,



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Member of Congress



Mike Lee  
United States Senator



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