

To my colleagues,

The recent events happening in Israel are of genuine concern globally. The Israeli people will need everything that we can offer as Americans and will continue to need this support for some time to come.

Regardless of your opinion on the events occurring in Israel, terrorism and brutality of this caliber can never be condoned. This "Day of Rage" (as Hamas has declared) extends worldwide and I ask my colleagues and their families to be vigilant as they go through their daily activities.

We cannot and must not allow terrorism to dictate our lives. We cannot and must not capitulate to fear. We must choose to not propagate hate. America is the world's freest country for a reason. Let's convey this American spirit to the people of Israel as they struggle to overcome the worst attack on Jewish people since the Holocaust.

I leave all of you with this quote, "Don't let anyone tell you that America's best days are behind her—that the American spirit has been vanquished," Ronald Reagan once said. "We've seen it triumph too often in our lives to stop believing in it now."

Please be careful not only today but every day. God Bless all of you.

Sincerely,

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