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A Community Gathering for Israel  
Adath Jeshurun  
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Adath Jeshurun Congregation and all other supporters of Israel:

I am deeply saddened by the recent developments in the Middle East, particularly in regards to the recent hostilities in the Gaza Strip.

For 66 years the state of Israel has stood as the strongest beacon of democracy and freedom in the Middle East, and is a leader for the world in the fields of science, medicine, and technology. Having visited Israel three times myself, I understand firsthand the threats the Israeli people face daily. These trips have provided me a renewed understanding of how serious the challenges the Israeli people encounter every day. The United States must stand with Israel and support Israel's right to defend the safety and security of its citizens.

From Hamas, to Hezbollah, to Iran it is clear that Israel continues to face threats to its right to peacefully exist. Peace is impossible to achieve when one side is led by a terrorist organization that refuses to acknowledge Israel's right to exist. Israel has a right and a duty to protect her own civilians from Hamas' large arsenal of rockets and extensive network of sophisticated terror tunnels.

I will continue to be a strong ally and a friend in Congress to Israel and I hope to see a peaceful resolution that restores safety and security to the region.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erik".

Erik Paulsen  
Member of Congress