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Dear Sister Michel-Wiggins,

Thank you for writing to me regarding hostages held by Hamas terrorists in Gaza.

On October 7th, 2024, Hamas terrorists stormed into towns and kibbutzim in Israel and massacred over 1,000 Israelis – killing families, raping women, abducting babies, torturing and beheading Jews in the very state that was established after the Holocaust to be their sanctuary. Hamas terrorists abducted more than 200 hostages – including American citizens.

For Jews, these events call to mind the Einsatzgruppen SS, the Nazi death squads who hunted and massacred our relatives across Eastern Europe over 80 years ago.

Hamas terrorists' murder, rape, torture, and abduction of civilians are war crimes. All hostages must be released immediately. I have met personally with the families of hostages in both Washington and Tel Aviv. They are in a state of heartbreak and constant anxiety. I have repeatedly pressed Qatar's ambassador to the United States to intensify Qatari pressure on Hamas to release Israeli hostages. And I have consistently urged U.S. diplomats and intelligence officials to make the release of the hostages one of our highest global priorities.

On November 24th, an agreement brokered by the United States secured the release of 105 hostages – all women and children – in tandem with a seven-day ceasefire in Gaza. The return to safety of those hostages – including a four-year old American girl, Abigail Idan – gave hope to the families of others abducted by Hamas that strong U.S.-led diplomacy could secure their freedom.

In February, I led 25 of my Senate colleagues in a letter to President Biden expressing our urgent support for the Administration's ongoing diplomatic efforts to secure the release of hostages. Those diplomatic efforts are ongoing with intensity, but the surviving hostages in Gaza are at grave risk of death and further abuse with each passing day.

We pray for the freedom of hostages taken so cruelly from their families. The United States Government is working around the clock to secure their release. I am in frequent contact with American and foreign officials involved in these efforts. From my post on the Senate Intelligence Committee, I continue supporting and am closely monitoring U.S. contributions to the effort to free the hostages who remain in Gaza.

Thank you again for contacting me. I always welcome your input and feedback.

Wherever and however I can be of service, please contact my office at 202-224-3521. All of our resources are also available at ossoff.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Ossoff", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jon Ossoff
United States Senator