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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
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Dear President Trump,

It is with our sincere gratitude that we write to thank you today for your courageous declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and your request that the State Department begin making preparations to move the US Embassy there. This bold and righteous act has undoubtedly secured your place in history.

Making this declaration in 2017—the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty in 1967—was especially noteworthy. The date that you chose to make your announcement also has profound significance in Jewish history.

It was already night in Israel when you signed your proclamation and on the Jewish calendar the 19<sup>th</sup> of Kislev had begun. In 1949 David Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister of the nascent modern Jewish state, wrote and later announced that the Israeli government had unanimously decided to make Jerusalem their modern capital. The date this happened was the 19<sup>th</sup> of Kislev.

We recognize the hand of God in all of this and thank you for your boldness and your commitment to fulfilling your promises. In Genesis 12:3 God states about Israel, “I will bless those who bless you and curse him who curses you.” On December 6 you brought God’s blessing upon the United States of America.

American Christian Leaders for Israel (ACLI) is a network of Christian leaders who collectively speak to and represent over sixty million Americans. During your 2016 campaign for President you agreed to our five guiding principles in relation to Israel that over 650 Christian leaders had requested of you. One of those principles was the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and to relocate the US Embassy there.

On behalf of all those leaders and the millions of Americans they represent we want to thank you for fulfilling your campaign promise. Thank you for implementing US law passed in 1995, and thank you for treating our friend Israel with the respect that an ally deserves.

Our gratitude also reflects that this issue is very dear to us as Christians. Jerusalem is a significant city in the Christian faith with many historical sites and great spiritual meaning. Only a free and democratic Israel can be trusted to protect Jerusalem and our holy sites. Israeli sovereignty over all of Jerusalem is critically important to us.

We hope you will bring the same fresh thinking and new approach to the overall Israeli-Palestinian conflict and find a better solution to the problem than the current land-for-peace models. We all want peace, but until the Palestinian people recognize Israel's right to exist and agree to live in peace with the Jewish people there will be no peace. It is time to find a real solution, one based on reality and not wishful thinking. Your administration can do so.

Once again, we the undersigned thank you, and commit to continue to uphold you, your family, and your administration in prayer. May the Lord richly bless you!

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