



October 11, 2023

The Honorable Antony J. Blinken
Secretary, United States Department of State
U.S. State Department
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken:

As elected officials representing districts in Brooklyn, New York, we are writing to you about an urgent matter affecting thousands of our constituents.

As you are aware, the current war in the Middle East has reached unprecedented levels of cruelty, directed specifically at an innocent civilian population. Unfortunately, we are now faced with tens of thousands of Americans unable to come home as the conflict continues.

This week, our offices joined forces in reaching out to our constituents who have loved ones actively trying to leave Israel but who are unable to do so because domestic airlines have ceased service to Tel Aviv. We strongly urge the State Department to take immediate action to assist American citizens wishing to leave Israel while the war continues, either by ensuring the availability of commercial air travel or through other possible government resources. As elected officials, we feel responsible for the safety and security of those living in our districts and we strongly feel that this should be a top priority for the Department of State.

We look forward to hearing from you, as our constituents eagerly await a safe and quick passage home. Thank you for your attention and leadership on this important and time-sensitive matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dan Goldman.

Dan Goldman
Member of Congress

Handwritten signature of Yvette D. Clarke with "M.C." below it.

Yvette D. Clarke
Member of Congress

Handwritten signature of Simcha Eichenstein.

Simcha Eichenstein
New York State Assemblyman