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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear President Trump,

On behalf of the Rabbinical Council of America, the leading membership organization of Orthodox rabbis in North America, representing more than 1,000 rabbis serving hundreds of congregations and communities, we write to express our deep appreciation for your bold, moral, and decisive leadership in launching Operation Epic Fury. Thank you for demonstrating clarity of purpose and moral resolve, confronting a regime that imperils the security of the United States, our allies, and the free world.

Your leadership comes at a time when the Jewish people recently celebrated Purim, with public readings from the Scroll of Esther, the story of the Jewish people's salvation from those who sought their destruction. Though God's name does not appear explicitly in the text, the narrative is animated by an abiding awareness of Divine providence guiding history behind the scenes. In every generation, Jews recognize moments when courageous human action becomes the instrument through which God's purposes are advanced. Your bold leadership at this moment reflects that enduring lesson.

Operation Epic Fury, in partnership with Israel's Operation Roaring Lion, overturns the evil designs of Iran's leaders spanning half a century, ranging from state sponsorship of terror including missile attacks on civilian population centers, to plots to assassinate you. Your actions, Mr. President, upend decades of "Death to America! Death to Israel!" by replacing them with a blessing for life - *l'chaim*: "L'chaim to America! L'chaim to Israel! L'chaim to the free world!"

The Rabbinical Council of America has long affirmed the enduring partnership between the United States and the State of Israel, a profound bond between two nations committed to freedom, human dignity, and democratic values. Your actions have strengthened that partnership and helped safeguard the security of both nations and the entire world.

Mr. President, we pray for the safety and success of the U.S. armed forces, the forces of our ally Israel, and all those arrayed in this battle, and that the Almighty grant you continued strength, wisdom, and clarity of purpose. May God bless you with the courage and moral conviction your office demands, and may He continue to bless the United States of America and the State of Israel.

With deep respect and appreciation,

Sincerely,

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