



Embassy of the United States of America

Canberra
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Mr. Grahame J. Leonard
President
Executive Council of Australian Jewry
306 Hawthorn Road – 2nd Floor
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Dear Mr. Leonard:

Thank you for your kind words of welcome, which I received after our arrival here in Canberra.

It is a great honor to be the United States Ambassador to Australia. As you mentioned in your letter, the relationship between the United States, Australia, and Israel has grown considerably closer in recent years. While posted here, I will work to strengthen the already close ties between the United States and the Australian-Jewish community. The warmth and support continually shown by the Australian-Jewish community towards citizens of the United States is a touching reminder of the strong bond shared by our two countries.

I look forward to meeting you at some point in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert D. McCallum, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert D. McCallum, Jr.
Ambassador