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2 January 2009

The Hon Jullia Gillard MP
Acting Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Acting Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Australian Jewish community, I write to express our deep appreciation for the balanced and principled statement made by you on behalf of the Government earlier this week, in the aftermath of the breakdown of the truce in the Gaza Strip including: Hamas' official announcement on 18 December that it would not under any circumstances renew the truce that had been in place for the previous 6 months; the resumption by Hamas of rocket and mortar attacks on Israel's citizens; and the action taken in those circumstances by Israel against Hamas' terrorist infrastructure.

We acknowledge the Government's continuing understanding of Israel's position and its need to act in the defence of its citizens who have been subject to renewed, unrelenting and murderous rocket attacks and mortar fire across southern Israel.

We also acknowledge with gratitude on behalf of the Australian Jewish community, your Government's enduring friendship towards Israel and commitment to a lasting peace in the region.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Robert M Goot AM SC
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