

September 23, 2018

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC, 20500

Request from American Victims of Palestinian Terror to immediately declare Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas a *persona non grata* and an “Inadmissible Alien”, and prohibit his entry to the United States in advance of the upcoming meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations

Dear President Trump,

We, the undersigned American citizens whose loved ones were murdered by Palestinian terrorists, are disappointed and outraged by the American government’s willingness to grant admission to United States to Palestinian Authority President and PLO Chairman Mahmoud Abbas.

Abbas is the one person who is personally responsible for the monthly reward payments by the Palestinian Authority to terrorists and the families of terrorists who murdered our loved ones. As recently as last week Abbas reiterated and reaffirmed his commitment to making such payments, assuring that payments would be made to the Palestinian terrorist who brutally murdered Ari Fuld, a dual citizen of the United States and Israel.

Not only is this decision a slap in the face to every American who has suffered from terror, but it is in clear violation of the spirit and the letter of American law. The law is very clear on protecting America’s borders from terrorists and prohibits entry to those involved in incentivizing terror, as follows:

“Aliens who are... ineligible to be admitted to the United States... (VII)[one who] endorses or espouses terrorist activity or persuades others to endorse or espouse terrorist activity, or support a terrorist organization...” [Code Chapter 8, § 1182 (3)(B)(7)]

Mahmoud Abbas is the head of the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian National Fund— which make the monthly payments to Palestinian terrorist prisoners and to families of terrorists. United States law defines both of these as “payments incentivizing terror,” in the Taylor Force Act. Thus, Abbas’ entry to the United States should be prohibited, because under the law he is personally “incentivizing terror.”

Significantly, there are precedents to deny entry even to diplomats from member states (and the Palestinian Authority is not a state) who were involved in terror. Iranian diplomat to the United Nations Hamid Abutalebi was prohibited entry by the Obama administration because of his connection to the death of an Iranian dissident in Rome. Abbas is directly funding, not murderers of Iranians, but the murderers of Americans. How could the United States possibly grant him entry?

President Trump, we recognize and are grateful to you for taking the bold, courageous and moral stance of demanding that the Palestinians cease inciting to violence and terror, ceasing American funding to Palestinian and United Nations organizations that promote violence and closing the PLO offices in Washington. With this in mind, **we respectfully request that you immediately declare**

Mahmoud Abbas a *persona non grata* and an “Inadmissible Alien”, and prohibit his entry to the United States in advance of the United Nations General Assembly meeting later this week, and until such time that he unequivocally renounces terror and ceases all payments and incentives to terrorists as required under the Taylor Force Act.

Sincerely,

Micah Lakin Avni, Manya Lakin and Karen Lakin, children and wife of **Richard Lakin** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in October 2015.

Rabbi Yonah and Mary Fuld, and Hillel Fuld, parents and brother of **Ari Fuld** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in September 2018.

Stuart and Robbi Force, parents of **Taylor Force** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in March 2016.

Rina Ariel, mother of **Hallel Yaffa Ariel** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in June 2016.

Sherri, Seth, Avraham and Daniel Mandell and Eliana Braner, parents and siblings of **Koby Mandell** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in May 2001.

Mimi Tsadok, grandmother of **Erez Orbach** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in January 2017.

Dr Naftali Moses, PhD, father of **Avraham David Moses** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in March 2008.

Phyllis Gail Maisel, sister of **Alan Beer** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in June 2003.

Rabbi Aryeh Weiss, father of **Shmuel Weiss** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorist in April 2002.

Scott and JoAnne Shatsky parents of **Keren Shatsky** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in February 2002.

Adena Mark, Sammy Berg, Yoni Berg and Atara Blaustein, children of **Sara Blaustein** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in May 2001.

Michael and Molly Palmer, parents of **Asher Palmer** and grandparents of **Yonatan Palmer** who were brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in September 2011.

Rivka Livnat, mother of **Ben-Yoseph Livnat**, who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in April 2011.

Yekutiel and Sheryl Wultz, parents of **Daniel Wultz**, who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in April 2006.

Arnold and Frimet Roth, parents of **Malka Chana Roth** who was brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists in August 2001.

Jason Geller, who was injured in a brutal attack by Palestinian terrorists in November 2015.

Marc Geller, who was injured in a brutal attack by Palestinian terrorists in November 2015.

Betty and Ralph Benzakein, whose son **Michael Benzakein** was injured in a brutal attack by Palestinian terrorists in November 2015.

Chavie Levine Knapp, who was injured in a brutal attack by Palestinian terrorists in April 1995.

Sarri Singer who was gravely injured in the bombing of Bus 14 in Jerusalem by Palestinian terrorists in June 2003.

Senator Robert Singer, State Senator 30th District NJ, whose daughter, **Sarri Singer** was gravely injured in the bombing of Bus 14 in Jerusalem by Palestinian terrorists in June 2003.

cc:

United States Secretary of State, Mr. Mike Pompeo
United States National Security Advisor, Mr. John Bolton
United States Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Steven T. Mnuchin
United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Mrs. Nikki Haley
United States Ambassador to Israel, Mr. David Friedman
Prime Minister of the State of Israel, Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu
Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Danny Danon