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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear President Biden,

We write today to express our grave concerns with recent reports about the International Criminal Court's ("the court" or "ICC") potential decision to issue arrest warrants against Israel's Prime Minister, Minister of Defense, and the Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces. The court would set a dangerous precedent that could impact the United States if it proceeded to issue such arrests against leaders of a democratic nation acting to defend itself from terrorism and aggression. We respectfully urge you to stand against the court's reported considerations and denounce it as misguided. If the arrest warrants are finalized and issued, the Administration should consider imposing sanctions on ICC officials, similar to the June 11, 2020 sanctions that blocked property of certain persons associated with the court.

On October 7, 2023, Iran-backed Hamas terrorists in Gaza launched war on Israel's soil, killing over 1,200 people and taking 250 hostages, most of which were civilians, some of whom were American citizens. Then on April 13, 2024, in an unprecedented attack, Iran launched over 350 missiles and drones directly from Iran and its proxies towards Israel. Considering such aggression from its enemies, Israel has the right to defend itself and deter future aggression.

Furthermore, the Biden Administration has said, "We don't support it; we don't believe that they have the jurisdiction." We agree, the ICC would be overstepping its authority by targeting a democratic country's sovereign authority, especially when that country is not a member of the court.

I urge your office to stand against the court's alleged considerations to issue arrest warrants against Israeli leadership as such warrants would be imprudent.

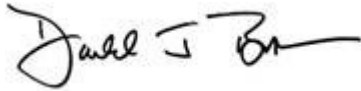
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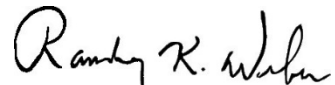
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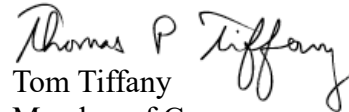
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