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The Honorable Daniel Ayalon  
Ambassador of Israel  
3514 International Drive, NW  
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Ayalon:

I am writing to you on behalf of the concerned citizens of Maryland's Second Congressional District. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and the Israeli people during this unsettling time of violence and unrest. We are deeply saddened for the innocent people who have lost their lives and those who have lost family members in this attack.

Having visited Israel a number of times over the past several years, I would like to extend my support of Israel's right to defend herself and your recent charge to secure the safe return of your kidnapped soldiers.

Peace and safety be with you.

Sincerely,

*C.A. Dutch Ruppensberger*

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