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Dear Friends:

I want to extend my strongest support and solidarity as the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas gathers on this most somber occasion. As we approach two years since this brutal atrocity, my wife Terry and I extend our heartfelt condolences to those families who lost loved ones and the many who were personally affected by the events of that terrible day.

Like many of you, I've met with family members of those who lost loved ones on October 7th, 2023, and have met with survivors of those assaults. I have learned that one can't get a full sense of the atrocities simply by watching the news. Personally speaking with the families, and also to the people who were eyewitnesses to that day, leaves a powerful, indelible mark and strengthens my resolve to ensure this never happens again.

I left each of those meetings with increased realization that Hamas is an evil, terrorist organization; the October 7th events orchestrated by Hamas were unseen since the Holocaust. Hamas must be completely destroyed and removed from any future presence.

Texas stands firmly with our Jewish friends and the nation of Israel, and the Texas Legislature has taken important actions to reaffirm our strong bond. For example, Texas recently passed funding to establish a Texas Office of Trade in Jerusalem. I will be visiting Israel once again in the coming weeks, helping to deliver the message of Texas' continued cooperation and solidarity to various Israeli leaders and in meetings with Parliament. We will work to expand business, cultural and economic ties between Texas and Israel.

As Israel continues to defend her people, we pray for our many friends there and here at home. We continue to pray for their strength, safety and most importantly, God's protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil King".

Phil King
Texas State Senator