

Statement of Support for Israel

We stand today in solemn remembrance of the innocent lives lost and taken during the tragic events launched by the terrorist organization Hamas against Israel on October 7, 2023. As we mark this painful and horrific anniversary — when over 1200 Israelis were massacred and hundreds were taken captive into Gaza, including many civilians, women, and children — we honor the memory of those who perished, send our love and prayers to those held captive, and reaffirm our unwavering support for Israel and the Jewish communities of Texas and beyond.

The Bible reminds us, *“I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you,”* (Genesis 12:30). We must stand in the gap for Israel and refuse to stay silent in the face of evil. What compels us to speak and act is not hatred of a people group, but a deep and abiding hatred of hatred itself—of the evil that targets innocent lives, that seeks to silence and terrorize God-fearing people.

And so today we reaffirm our steadfast support for Israel’s right to live in peace and security, and for the freedom of Jewish people everywhere to practice their faith and culture without fear. Today and always, we stand shoulder to shoulder with our Jewish neighbors. We mourn with you. We support you. And we remain resolute in our commitment to your future.

Your friend,

Senator Bob Hall

Texas Senate, District 2