

Here is the statement of support for Israel from 136 former state Attorneys General from throughout the country compiled over the past several days.

**136 FORMER ATTORNEYS GENERAL IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL
FORMER ATTORNEYS GENERAL STATEMENT
47 states and the District of Columbia, Guam & Puerto Rico**

As former Attorneys General of the states and jurisdictions, both Democrats and Republicans, we stand united with the National Association of Attorneys General and the AG Alliance in our unqualified support for Israel as it fights back against the savage attack which killed and wounded innocent men, women, and children. The pure evil that we watched unfolding defies all concepts of decency. The constant barbaric barrage of thousands of rockets fired into Israel population centers, sending residents into safe rooms/bomb shelters, is inhumane and must be halted.

We condemn Hamas, the terrorist organization for its grotesque and brutal murder of innocent civilians who were doing nothing more than going about their daily lives. Hundreds of innocent young people were massacred at a dance festival as well as mothers, fathers, and children in their homes, playing with their children or outside waiting for a bus. We unconditionally support Israel's right to defend itself. The actions of Hamas, including the use of innocent residents of Gaza as human shields, violate every standard of international law and basic morality. We demand that all hostages, including Americans, be released immediately, many of whom need medical attention. The world must stand united in condemning these atrocities. If terrorism is allowed to fester and grow, it will spread and take the lives of more innocent women, men, and children throughout the world.

Israel is a small country. Everyone has lost family members or knows someone who has been slaughtered in this massacre. The grief and shock of these experiences is devastating, not only to the people of Israel, but also to those all around the world who are watching these events unfold on television. We share this pain and stand united in our support for Israel.

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Don Siegelman
Luther Strange

Alaska

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Jahna Lindemuth

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Leslie Rutledge
Jim Guy Tucker

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Dan Lungren

Colorado

Cynthia Coffman
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John Suthers

Connecticut

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Idaho

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Jim Hood
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Doug Peterson

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Joe Foster
Tom Rath

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Peter Verniero
Jim Zazzali

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Dennis Vacco

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North Dakota

Heidi Heitkamp
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Jim Petro

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