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## United States Senate

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Dear Fellow Texans:

I commend you for gathering this evening to show your support for Israel.

As the one democracy in the Middle East, Israel is outnumbered and surrounded on many sides by people who want to eliminate them, but we will not let that happen.

When Hamas launched its unprovoked attacks on Israel just one month ago, we witnessed evil in its purest form. More than a thousand innocent women, children, and babies were killed, including 32 American citizens, and hundreds of civilians were taken hostage. There's no excusing, no equivocating, no explaining the actions of Hamas. It's not trying to protect the Palestinian people or promote freedom. Hamas' singular goal is to annihilate the Jewish people and to wipe Israel off the map.

I was honored to cosponsor a bipartisan resolution in support of Israel, which the Senate unanimously passed. I applaud the Senate's swift action to condemn these barbaric attacks, and I will continue to advocate for any form of assistance our ally needs in its fight against terrorism.

Hamas took several hundred hostages in violation of international law and continues to attack Israel using civilians as human shields. Now is not the time for a ceasefire, which would give Hamas time to regroup and continue their attack, ultimately intensifying the war and increasing the bloodshed. Instead, we must support Israel in defending their nation against this reprehensible group, so that Hamas can never do this again.

This is not an issue of opinion. This is a battle between right and wrong, good and evil. I stand firm in supporting our ally without equivocation, and I applaud Baylor University students for standing with Israel.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Cornyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JOHN CORNYN  
United States Senator