

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to you to address an issue of great concern, both to our nation and the nation of Israel: Yasir Arafat's failure to end terrorism sponsored by the Palestinian Authority and his continual effort to thwart a meaningful peace process. Recently, Israel has called for the removal of Yasir Arafat as the leader of the Palestinian Authority, and we urge the administration to take a firm stance in support of his removal.

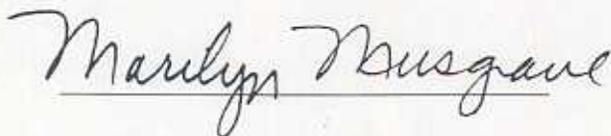
Recent events, such as the extremely short tenure of Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, indicate that Yasir Arafat has no intention of ceding his authority to another Palestinian leader. However, as long as Yasir Arafat continues to remain in power, peace will not come to the Middle East.

In 2000, Arafat not only rejected the opportunity to build a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, but he also unleashed a wave of terrorist attacks that have killed hundreds of innocent Israelis. Today, Arafat continues this reign of terror and is again rejecting a peaceful solution, the road map advocated by your administration.

As you are aware, Israel has long been our strong ally and, as the only democratic stronghold in the Middle East, it continues to be one of our most strategic partners. The people of this nation and its government have stood by us in our own fight to secure our borders, and it is vital that we stand by them and ensure the security of their nation and the safety of their people.

We are a nation committed to ending terrorism, and now is the time to be consistent in that vow. Yasir Arafat is a terrorist. We urge you to lend your strong support to the people of Israel in their call to remove Yasir Arafat, the chief obstacle to progress in the peace process, as the leader of the Palestinian Authority.

Sincerely,





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