ח"כ הרב גלעד קריב
MK Rabbi Gilad Kariv

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To:
Governor Josh Shapiro
Governor of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, USA

Dear Governor,

As Chair of the Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs in the Israeli Knesset, I wish to express our profound shock and unwavering solidarity following the heinous attempted arson attack at your home during Passover night. I was relieved to learn that your family members and guests were not physically harmed, and I sincerely hope that the emotional impact will be as minimal as possible.

Passover, which commemorates the Jewish people's liberation and the triumph of spirit over oppression, serves as a powerful reminder of our mutual responsibility to stand firm against any attempt to harm Jewish life — whether on an individual or communal level. The attack on your home, which could have ended in tragedy, was not only an assault on a public servant — it was an assault on the values of freedom, tolerance, and religious faith.

I hope the authorities will swiftly bring the perpetrator of this despicable crime to justice, and that the U.S. government will continue to provide full protection for every Jewish man and woman across the country, and support to every Jewish community.

We believe it is our duty to stand by every Jew, including when it comes to a leading public figure devoted to strengthening his community and preserving the democratic fabric of American society. I have no doubt that you will continue your public mission with courage, dedication, and determination.

Even in these difficult days, as the State of Israel faces a complex security reality and our brothers and sisters remain held hostage by a cruel terrorist organization, our shared obligation to reinforce mutual responsibility—both in Israel and across the Jewish world—is more vital than ever.

I extend my heartfelt support to you and your loved ones, and wish you a safe, meaningful, and joyous Passover.

With respect and solidarity,
MK Rabbi Gilad Kariv
Chair, Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs
The Knesset