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**Minister of Interior**

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**Mr. Mike Huckabee**

Ambassador of the United States to Israel

**Dear Mr. Ambassador,**

I write to you in the final days of my tenure as Minister of the Interior, in response to your letter concerning the handling of visa applications for Evangelical organizations and workers, in which you claim that the conduct in this matter contradicts the understandings reached between us.

As I emphasized during our constructive meeting, I wish to reiterate my commitment to reviewing such applications with the utmost efficiency. Immediately following our meeting, I instructed all relevant professional bodies to act in accordance with the understandings we reached, and I assigned advisors from my office – headed by the Chief of Staff – to ensure a personal, continuous, and effective response to such requests.

To the best of my knowledge, and following a re-examination conducted in coordination with Attorney Calev Michael Myers, who acts on your behalf, every request that was personally brought to the attention of my office has been addressed within an exceptionally short timeframe. I issued the same directives regarding the cases mentioned in your letter – cases that had not previously been brought to my attention.

Given the direct line of communication between my staff and your representatives, and in light of the fact that every request received by my office has thus far been handled promptly, I was particularly surprised by the manner in which your concerns were raised – and by your decision to address your letter to a wide range of senior officials without first approaching me or my office directly. In my view, this course of action deviates from accepted working norms and does not reflect the direct and constructive relationship we have established.



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The relationship between the United States and the State of Israel is among the most valued and significant partnerships. I greatly appreciate your consistent support for Israel and your steadfast commitment to our partnership. For this reason, I believe it is incumbent upon us to act in a spirit of coordination, mutual trust, and respect – even when misunderstandings or difficulties arise.

With best regards,

MK Moshe Arbel

Minister of the Interior  
State of Israel

Cc:

Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel

Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel

Gidon Sa'ar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel

Ron Dermer, Minister of Strategic Affairs of Israel

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