

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio,

As Co-Chairs of the bipartisan Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Caucus, we commend the Trump Administration for helping advance the Israel-Hamas peace agreement. As you implement the agreement, we urge you, in coordination with our international partners, to include both men and women in post-war decision-making, reconstruction, and reconciliation.

The WPS Act of 2017, which President Trump signed into law, affirms that the full participation of women is essential to security and stability. When women participate in peacebuilding and are afforded tools to succeed, societies are safer, more secure, and more prosperous, and peace is more likely to last. Women's experiences are often different from men's and must be taken into account for lasting stability.

Women in both Israeli and Palestinian communities have experienced profound disruptions to their safety, families, and daily lives, underscoring the need to incorporate their perspectives in the recovery process. To uphold the WPS Act, the U.S. should:

- Support the inclusion of women from diverse religious, geographic, and political backgrounds in U.S.-facilitated dialogues and consultations related to stabilization and recovery.
- Facilitate opportunities for Israeli and Palestinian women's organizations share perspectives on security, governance, and community resilience with U.S. officials and negotiators, including on the Board of Peace.
- Ensure that U.S. engagement on humanitarian and reconstruction issues incorporates women's perspectives on family reunification, education, infrastructure, and support for children affected by the conflict.
- Encourage international partners to elevate women's representation in peacebuilding and reconstruction efforts where the United States is involved.

- Leverage existing women-led grassroots initiatives and, consistent with Point 18 of President Trump's peace plan, use appropriated funds from Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA) to support trauma recovery, interfaith dialogue, coexistence programs, and other activities that strengthen community resilience.

We look forward to working with you to advance our shared goal of a brighter future for Israelis, Palestinians, and the entire region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lois Frankel".

Lois Frankel
Member of Congress

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