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The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you return from your historic diplomatic tour, the world is filled with new hope and optimism for progress in the long and challenging road to Middle East peace. I wish to commend your personal commitment and resolve to advance the Road Map for Middle East peace and to nurture a process that seeks to secure a lasting peace for the children of Abraham.

The Roadmap revives hope that, through a negotiated framework, the conflict can be resolved to create a viable and sovereign Palestinian State alongside a secure Israel. The progress made this week under your leadership suggests a significant shift by both parties and regional partners that could facilitate an end to the cycle of violence in the region and help to foster a new era of mutual recognition and security. Full implementation of the Roadmap will require sustained U.S. leadership. I urge you to be steadfast in your resolve, sending a message to the enemies of peace that their actions will not determine the course of future negotiations.

Additionally, on behalf of the Episcopal Church and our partners in the Anglican Communion, I express appreciation for progress made towards addressing the global AIDS crisis. We strongly supported Congressional authorization of your global AIDS initiative, and we look forward to working with House and Senate appropriators to secure funds so that the initiative can be fully implemented.

My prayers are with you as you face the challenges of public service.

Yours sincerely,

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