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Prime Minister Harper,
House of Commons,
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Dear Prime Minister Harper,

Like people everywhere Canadian Unitarians have a goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

With that in mind, we urge the Government of Canada to rededicate itself to being an impartial broker in helping the Israelis and Palestinians move toward a society in which they have a stable peace that will allow each to prosper and express their own identity. Both peoples desire this but neither will realize it until the other does. To achieve this outcome, they must reach and implement a mutually acceptable accommodation with the other. History has shown that the alternatives don't work.

Canada has worked as an impartial arms-length broker in pursuit of such objectives before and has, as a consequence, achieved enviable international status. We strongly urge you to get Canada working this way again. Please give active consideration to developing and embarking on a strategy that facilitates a process that allows the Israelis and Palestinians to construct the solution they are to live with. We believe that this process is necessary to achieve a lasting peace.

Yours truly,

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