

Congressman Lamborn Seeks Immediate Cosigners on a Letter to Secretary Clinton

Deadline: TODAY, Friday, 5:00 PM.

Congressman Lamborn will be sending the below letter to Secretary Clinton. On March 11, 2011, in the West Bank town of Itamar, five members of the Fogel family were [brutally murdered](#) by Palestinian terrorists. The victims include Udi Fogel and his wife Ruth, along with 11 year-old Yoav, 4 year-old Elad, and 3 month-old Hadas.

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Congressman Lamborn believes the U.S. must remain steadfast in its support of Israel. Given the purview of the State Department, this letter to Secretary Clinton would urge U.N. Ambassador Rice to consider seeking a U.N. resolution condemning this terrorism. This letter counters the notion that some are trying to promote that Israel is somehow to blame for creating the atmosphere that fostered this and other attacks.

Congressman Lamborn, in conjunction with the Republican Study Committee (RSC), is seeking immediate cosigners to this letter below. The deadline is TODAY, Friday, 5:00 PM. If your boss is interested in signing this letter, please contact Leslie Bolz at Leslie.Bolz@mail.house.gov. The letter is below.

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March 17, 2011

Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton

U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

As you are undoubtedly aware, on March 11, 2011, in the West Bank town of Itamar, five members of the Fogel family were brutally murdered. This heinous attack was not just committed against the Fogel family, but also against Israel and the international community that is committed to the peace process.

The victims include Udi Fogel and his wife Ruth, along with 4 year-old Elad, 11 year-old Yoav, and 3 month-old Hadas. Rather than pressuring the Palestinian Authority to change the atmosphere and seek real peace, State Department spokeswoman Tanya A.

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Israel has taken unilateral steps to ensure peace in the region. Most notably, this includes the 10-month moratorium on new construction activity in the West Bank. American pressure needs to be exerted on the Palestinians, not the Israelis, to make steps toward achieving peace. Members of Congress have previously stated in a letter that was specifically addressed to you, dated February 17, 2011, that, “If housing and commercial construction were truly the main obstacle to peace, as stated by the Palestinian observer at the UN, Riyad Mansour, then the Palestinian Authority would have come to the peace table during this moratorium.”

The U.S. must remain steadfast in its support of Israel, and we urge U.N. Ambassador Rice to consider seeking a U.N. resolution condemning this crime. This would help counter the notion that some are trying to promote that Israel is somehow to blame for destabilizing events in the region.

As unrest continues in the Middle East, the United States must remain steady in its unyielding support of our ally Israel. We look forward to your immediate reply to this time-sensitive situation.

Sincerely,