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March 28, 2019

Dear Dr. Friedmann:

The Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) has been a resource to ADL and the larger community for many years. Dr. Friedmann is a well-respected community leader whose work with law enforcement brings great support for the pursuit of public safety. He is beloved by law enforcement at all levels, who understand that his expertise and insight is a tremendous resource in their pursuit of communal safety.

ADL believes that educational programs that bring together American and Israeli law enforcement, such as those provided by GILEE are greatly beneficial. In the post 9/11 world, U.S. law enforcement must prepare for the threat of terrorism. Israel has had decades of experience dealing with such threats and their effects on society and is widely regarded as a world leader in this field. These education programs, enable American and Israeli law enforcement officials to consider best practices in preventing terrorist attacks in public place, information sharing, building societal resilience, and quickly returning a stricken community to a normal state of operations. This experience helps U.S. law enforcement officials better prevent, prepare for and respond to terrorist threats, active shooter situations, and mass casualty attacks in their own communities, and is a benefit to our communities.

We support GILEE and appreciate their service.

Sincerely,

Allison Padilla-Goodman, PhD ADL Southeast Regional Director

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