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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the collaborations between GILEE and the Israel National Police. This collaboration makes an important improvement in policing and continued protection of human rights.

Any suggestion that American police should not understand the activities of Israeli Police because of differences between the US and Israeli values is a mistaken assumption. The INP has worked to increase minority representation and decrease violations of human rights, as have American agencies. Both employ procedural justice programs and use evidence to develop these programs. It is my understanding that Israeli police commanders are learning the best practices in police legitimacy and effectiveness through partnerships with academic researchers.

There is no legitimate reason that American Police should not collaborate and learn from the Israeli National Police. Several years ago I was one of a group of American scholars who was invited to Israel to work with police officials and Israeli academics about their response to terrorism. It was an amazing experience where we shared information about command and control issues and realized there was more in common than what set us apart. It was an amazing learning experience for both groups. We focused on response to terrorist threats and attacks and how to build social capital in communalities where attacks have occurred. Importantly, terrorism is not the only area in which we shared results of research and command and control strategies. Treating community members properly is another area where we shared ideas, strategies and methods

I support the efforts of GILEE to work with the INP and trust this collaboration is able to continue as it benefits all involved.

Sincerely,

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