

GARY GROSSMAN

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) program at Georgia State University. Although I am a faculty member at the University of Georgia, I am writing this as a private citizen, with substantial experience in Israeli history and culture (I have been both a Jewish National Fund Faculty Fellow, and a Schusterman Fellow and have made two trips to Israel).

International exchanges and training programs are an essential part of university life, and I believe the GILEE program serves an important role in training law enforcement personnel and exposing them to new and innovative techniques as well as different cultures. Israel has one of the most advanced policing/anti-terrorism programs in the world and I believe USA officers learn much from participating in the GILEE program. Because Israel is a racially and culturally diverse nation, its security forces may provide expert training on law enforcement issues that are integrated with cultural issues, which can only increase USA officer's awareness and sensitivity to these forces. The Israel Police community policing initiatives with the Arab sector are illustrative examples.

GSU should certainly continue to serve as home for the GILEE program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Grossman".

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