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The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
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Dear Secretary Yellen:

As you know, the Treasury Department is required by a law I sponsored, H.R. 6322 – the End Financing for Hamas and State Sponsors of Terrorism Act, to report on the major sources of financing to Hamas and set forth a plan to disrupt those financial flows. This report is a critical first step to denying Hamas the funds it will continue to spend on terrorism. I write to urge you to expedite the release of the Treasury Department's report in advance of the law's October 21, 2024, deadline. Recent events underscore the urgency of identifying the sources of financing to Hamas and taking clear and decisive steps to disrupt their illicit financial flows and their ability to finance armed hostilities.

Hamas terrorists continue to hold captives in tunnels and hideouts across Gaza. Recently, Hamas viciously murdered Hersh Goldberg-Polin, an American citizen, and five other hostages, as Israeli forces closed in on their location. This recent act of violence has made it abundantly clear that we need to do more to put pressure on Hamas and its sponsors to get hostages home and put an end to these atrocities. Hamas and other terrorist groups in the region must understand that they cannot murder Americans and other innocent civilians with impunity.

It is critical that we use every single tool at our disposal to hold Hamas accountable for their barbaric acts and force them to release the rest of the hostages and put an end to this perpetual terrorist threat. I again urge you to expedite the publication of the required report and take immediate steps to cut off Hamas's funding networks.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to your reply and for the report to be published as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Steil".

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Member of Congress