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The Honorable Mike Huckabee
Ambassador
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Ambassador Huckabee,

I write with serious concern regarding the arrest and detainment of my constituent, Mr. Hussein Jabarin, in the West Bank on the morning of August 13, 2026. Mr. Jabarin, a U.S. Citizen and father of two, resides in my district in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. According to Mr. Jabarin's wife, Mrs. Cindy Husein, Mr. Jabarin was arrested after being beaten by Israeli settlers, military, and police.

The horrific situation began to unfold this morning when Israeli settlers—supposedly with the protection of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and Israeli police—tore down fencing, stole livestock, vandalized property, and assaulted Mr. Jabarin and his family at their home in the West Bank. Israeli settlers forced Mr. Jabarin's brother from his vehicle, stabbed him, and stole his car. In total, Mr. Jabarin and four of his family members were beaten and arrested. According to Mrs. Husein, Israeli settlers have been harassing Mr. Jabarin's family and vandalizing their property for over a year and a half.

Mr. Jabarin is currently being held, without charge, at Beitar Illit police station outside of Bethlehem. **I am requesting that you and the U.S. Embassy immediately work with the Israeli government to have Mr. Jabarin released.** Furthermore, I am requesting that you work to ensure the perpetrators of this violence are held accountable.

I look forward to receiving your response. Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brendan F. Boyle".

Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress