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August 18, 2026

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Rubio,

Last Thursday, August 13, I wrote to the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, demanding that he immediately instruct the Israeli government to release my constituent, Mr. Hussein Jabarin, from a police station in the West Bank where he was being held in custody by Israeli authorities. For multiple days, this U.S. citizen, Mr. Jabarin, was held without charge after being harassed and beaten by Israeli settlers on the morning of August 13, 2026.

Since we first learned of Mr. Jabarin's arrest, my staff and I immediately began engaging with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Israel to secure Mr. Jabarin safe release and to demand details regarding his condition. We worked closely with Mr. Jabarin's family in Philadelphia to request the Department of State and U.S. Embassy provide key updates amid his arrest. You should be aware that I am deeply troubled by the lack of information that was ultimately transmitted to Mr. Jabarin's wife and to my office during his time in custody.

While I am relieved that Mr. Jabarin was eventually released from Israeli custody on August 16, 2026, I am horrified by how he and his family were apparently treated by these Israeli settlers and authorities over the past week. This treatment follows a long pattern of violence and aggression that Mr. Jabarin's family has endured in the West Bank over the last year and a half. According to Mr. Jabarin's wife, Israeli settlers in the West Bank have repeatedly harassed and antagonized his family, vandalized their property, and stolen their belongings. No person—U.S. citizen or not—should have to endure such violence, aggression, or disregard for basic human rights.

As Mr. Jabarin's Representative in Congress, I am formally calling on you, as Secretary of State, to use every resource and mechanism at your disposal to launch a formal investigation into the case regarding Mr. Hussein Jabarin, a U.S. citizen. I am demanding that you investigate who specifically was involved in the heinous acts that led to the harassment and beating of Mr. Jabarin and his family and to the

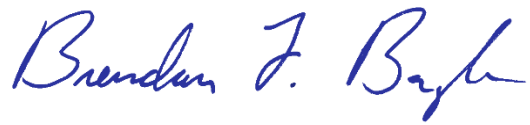
theft and destruction of their property. Additionally, I demand you investigate which specific individuals aided in Mr. Jabarin's detainment, arrest, and holding without charge. Such an investigation must also determine what conditions and treatment Mr. Jabarin was exposed to during his time in custody.

Once your investigation is complete, I would encourage you to work with Congress to explore the possibility of formally sanctioning the individuals found to have engaged in these egregious acts. Your administration claims to have *no higher priority than the safety and security of U.S. citizens*; if that is truly the case, then I expect your department to swiftly and thoroughly conduct an investigation to ensure that no American—and no person, for that matter—ever endures what Mr. Jabarin and his family have experienced.

Furthermore, I urge you to work directly with the Israeli government to ensure that if any of Mr. Jabarin's family members are still being held without charge, they be immediately and safely released so that they can return home.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress