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Sir Richard.

I enclose a child's shoe bought from a local charity shop.

I have sent the other of the pair to HE Daniel Taub, the Israeli Ambassador at the Court of St James.

These are not intended as insults to him or to you.

These shoes are my form of memorial for children killed in Gaza, just as I have seen memorials of shoes in Yad Vashem and in Khan Younis.

If you think this shoe would, with its pair, help a child in need; maybe you could as HE Daniel Taub for the other one. At the same time, you could call on him to press his government to cease the disproportionate assault on Gaza and the siege that has been in place for a decade.

I have been to Gaza several times. I have been there at harvest time and I have been there during conflict. The place I was staying was damaged by the explosions of missiles, from the IDF, hitting a target next door. Families I knew had homes set on fire and destroyed because they were close to targets. That was during a limited exercise. The current assault is unrestrained, wholly disproportionate and aimed at civilians.

Now the assault of the IDF is directly targeted at schools, hospitals, shelters and homes.

What is your response to this?

Will you call on our government to require Israel to cease disproportionate attacks?

Will you lead a call for Gaza to be allowed trade and travel with the rest of the world? This is very possible without affecting Israel as Gaza has a land border with Egypt, a coastline and airspace. All of which are currently directly or indirectly controlled and blocked by Israel.

Please do not send me some photocopied party treatise. I am writing personally to you as a constituent; not repeating a pre-prepared message from any group (although I will do that as well).

This is my call for you to speak out for a just peace in Israel and Palestine.

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