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Mr. Yair Frommer, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Frommer:

On behalf of the 12.5 million working women and men of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), I am writing to express our solidarity with your struggle. The AFL-CIO and the Israeli labor movement have enjoyed a long term partnership that recognizes the need to support the struggle for decent work in both of our countries.

I understand that the working women and men in your union have been engaged in a year-long dispute with the Israeli Finance Ministry regarding a cost of living raise to salaries, an end to discriminatory tax policy and compensation for overtime among other items. After willingly entering into a mediation process led by the former Chief Justice of the Labor Court that lasted for seven months, no resolution of the dispute was concluded.

The AFL-CIO hopes that this conflict is quickly resolved in a way that protects the rights of your members to decent work and allows them to continue to serve their country.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Trumka
President