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Prime Minister, State of Israel

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Minister of Diaspora Affairs

Honorable Sirs,

For the past three and a half years, together with you, we diligently worked towards finding a solution to make the Kotel a place of Jewish unity rather than Jewish discord. We compromised on many issues that were critical to us in order to achieve a goal of paramount importance which the Prime Minister invited us to pursue: One Wall for One People.

The agreement we reached together was signed nearly eight months ago by the government on January 31, 2016. In so doing, the Government of Israel took a monumental step forward in fulfilling Prime Minister Netanyahu's proclamation from the 2015 General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America: *"I will always ensure that all Jews can feel at home in Israel – Reform Jews, Conservative Jews, Orthodox Jews – all Jews."*

At this juncture, the Conservative and Reform Movements are calling for action from the Government of Israel to implement the signed Kotel agreement. The Kotel is the preeminent national and religious symbol of the relationship of our people to our Homeland. It is unconscionable that this treasured symbol of our people be relegated permanently to the division-seeking intentions of those who hold extreme views that alienate and vilify the majority of world Jewry.

The capacity to ensure the future of Israel as a Jewish state depends upon Israel being a democratic state that embraces all Jews. We fully believe that your commitment and courage has the potential to change the sad history that is in the making at this very moment. Your leadership and vision can guarantee that the state of Israel will truly be a home for all Jews.

Respectfully,

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