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DEAR DR. MAGED ABU-RAMADAN

I am deeply concerned about the precarious situation in Gaza at the moment. The Municipality of Tromsø will not just sit idle as our Sister-City lives through all these atrocities. Together with a number of NGOs in Tromsø we have decided to launch a broad campaign to show solidarity to the suffering civilians in Gaza. An action committee has been set up.

The Municipality of Tromsø will call on the Norwegian Government to ensure stronger international pressure in demanding the abolishment of the blockade, and we will call on other Norwegian municipalities to do the same. We will demand the abolishment of the blockade as well as freedom of movement for the Palestinian people.

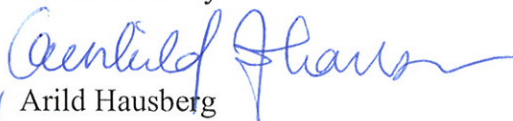
In addition to the political pressure, the action committee will spread information regarding the situation in Gaza. We want the people of Tromsø to be aware of the serious situation in our Sister-City Gaza, and the difficulties our friends are facing these days.

The action committee will also start fund-raising for the artificial limb-centre in Gaza. Specifically we want to ensure rehabilitation and artificial limbs of the 23 amputated children hurt by the bombing 1st of March this year. We want to follow-up that they get the best treatment they can get and that their future education is secured.

In the forthcoming weeks and months I will follow the situation in Gaza closely. Through the people from Tromsø that are currently involved in different health and cultural projects in Gaza, I will be kept updated about the situation in your city.

As soon as the situation in Gaza is more normalized, I hope it will be possible to regain our Sister-City relationship. You are most welcome to visit Tromsø any time suitable for you.

Yours sincerely


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Mayor of Tromsø

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