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Mr. John Buhler
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Dear Mr. Buhler:

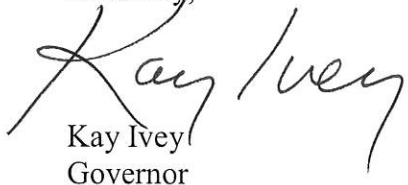
As Governor of Alabama, I am proud of the long friendship between Alabama and Israel and send my warmest congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the Reunification of Jerusalem, an occasion for which I signed a proclamation in June 2017.

For more than 70 years, the State of Alabama has repeatedly demonstrated its pledge to stand with Israel. In 1943, Alabama led the nation as the first state in America to officially call for the establishment of the Jewish state and homeland. Alabama and Israel entered into a State-to-State Trade Agreement in 1997, and trade continues today as Alabama exported \$37 million of goods to Israel in 2015.

Our two nations are indelibly tied together and Alabama will continue to contribute efforts to strengthening our state-to-state relationship. Alabama remains committed to standing with Israel and I will continue to work with the Jewish community and the Consul General to keep our bond strong and our partnership healthy.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,


Kay Ivey
Governor