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Dear NYU Law Community:

Over the last few weeks, 13 Israelis have been murdered in four separate acts of Palestinian terror. Innocent human beings--men and women, Arabs, Jews, and Druze--were killed in cold blood for the crime of being Israeli citizens. We stand with Israel during this difficult time and defend its right to protect itself from those who wish it harm.

Few countries have faced as much violence, hatred, and delegitimization as the State of Israel. But even fewer have gone so far in preserving human life and dignity in the struggle for survival. We invoke the words of the late Justice William Brennan Jr., eponym of NYU's very own Brennan Center for Justice:

[I]t is Israel that has been facing real and serious threats to its security for the last 40 years and seems destined to continue facing such threats in the foreseeable future...The nations of the world, faced with sudden threats to their own security, will look to Israel's experience in handling its continuing security crisis, and may well find in that experience the expertise to reject the security claims that Israel has exposed as baseless and the courage to preserve the civil liberties that Israel has preserved without detriment to its security. (Delivered in a 1987 lecture at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. <https://apnews.com/article/8fcb8ab5d1f07121fc5dec8ad1032be>).

Israel has long enjoyed **bipartisan** support in the United States because, despite its many security concerns, it has not wavered in its commitment to human rights and democracy. Amidst all the noise, this truth bears repeating.

The Middle East is big enough for **all** its indigenous peoples to enjoy self-determination, security, and prosperity. Do not give credence to those, including in our Law School, who say otherwise.

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