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Dear Secretary of State Albright:

"The Four Mothers/Good Fence Movement," which advocates leaving Lebanon in peace, welcomes you to Israel and wishes you success in your meetings in the region.

Our group was formed by four mothers, from northern settlements, with sons serving in Lebanon. They asked the government to put Lebanon back on the national agenda and to end the unconscionable price we are paying for the questionable security we are receiving.

As the number of supporters quickly swelled, indicating the widespread dissatisfaction and frustration of a large cross-section of the country with the present status quo, they adopted the name "The Good Fence Movement," taken from the name given to the dividing line between Israel and Lebanon. As of now we have collected more than 15,000 signatures petitioning the government to find alternative security arrangements so that we may withdraw immediately from Lebanon.

We believe that it is important for you and the United States government to be aware of this growing sentiment in the Israeli population to withdraw from Lebanon, and we urge you to include the Lebanon issue in your discussions with the leaders of Israel, Lebanon and Syria.

We shall appreciate the opportunity to meet briefly with you or your representatives while you are in Israel.

Yours truly,

"Four Mothers/The Good Fence Movement"