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Dear Mr. Brochenin:

As English spokesperson for the Four Mothers Movement, a group working to find ways for Israel to leave Lebanon in peace, I wish to extend our thanks to your government for their efforts in trying to end the stalemate in Southern Lebanon and to allow Israel to withdraw from the self-declared security zone.

Ours is a grassroots movement, begun after the helicopter tragedy in which 73 Israeli soldiers were killed. The goal of the group is to pressure the Israeli government to seek a solution to the ongoing situation and to unilaterally pull out of Lebanon. In the ten months since we were formed, we have witnessed an outpouring of support from across the political and social spectrum in the country. We have already gathered almost 20,000 signatures calling for withdrawal and have more than 300 people who canvas the country and participate in activities. We also hold meetings with any political figure who will meet with us. I have included a brief description of the group, which contains a list of those with whom we have already held discussions. Our intention in these meetings is to make our position clear and to try to affect change.

Toward that end, we would like to set up a meeting with a representative of your embassy. We think it is important for you to know about our work and for us to see if there are ways we can further the rapid withdrawal of Israel from Lebanon. We hope that such a meeting with the appropriate officials can be arranged as soon as possible.

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We welcome the opportunity to work together toward our joint goal: bringing peace to Southern Lebanon.

Yours truly,