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**Dear Sirs:**

The America-Israel Friendship League is troubled by the recent attack by Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President of the Union for Reform Judaism, on Pastor John Hagee, the founder of Christians United for Israel. The AIFL is a non-partisan non-sectarian organization dedicated to the promotion of a strong friendship between the United States and Israel. It troubles us when friends and supporters of Israel, which includes both Rabbi Yoffie and Pastor Hagee, quarrel over issues regarding who has the right to make existential decisions for Israel about land and peace. On that subject, we believe, with Pastor Hagee, that such decisions rest with Israel and the Israeli people alone. We note that Pastor Hagee has suggested that Rabbi Yoffie's attack on him is based on a misunderstanding of Pastor Hagee's remarks. We respectfully suggest that Rabbi Yoffie and Pastor Hagee sit down with each other, discuss the issues and try to find areas where they can reach cordial agreement and mutual respect, since both are strong supporters of Israel.

**Sincerely,**

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