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Dear MK Eyal Ben-Reuven,

I would like to welcome you to the City of Ontario, Ohio and thank you for your visit to Sar Shalom Center.

North Central Ohio has traditionally expressed a warmth for the people of Israel. Last year the Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Hilik Bar spoke at Sar Shalom Center in commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of your nation. In addition, the former Mayor of Shiloh, Mr. David Rubin also came to speak on behalf of victims of terrorism.

It is my understanding that during your 35-year career in the Israeli Defense Forces, IDF, you served as commander of various fighting units, rising to the position of Chief of Staff of the Field Corps of the Israeli military. I am also told that during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, you became known as one of Israel's greatest examples of bravery and courage.

Interestingly, in 2016, the 200th Red Horse Squadron of the Mansfield National Guard served as the project lead for the construction of four multi-purpose buildings in Israel providing permanent operational exercise space for U.S. and Israeli military forces participating in joint military exercises.

The bond between our two freedom-loving nations is inseparable.

It is my sincere hope that your visit to Ontario, Ohio will be a memorable one, that you will enjoy the hospitality of our people, and that many strong friendships will result.

While I am not able to meet you in person, I want to take time to express my warm greetings to you. On behalf of the City of Ontario, I thank you for your visit and want to let you know that you and your family are always welcome in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy E. Hutchinson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Randy E. Hutchinson
Mayor, City of Ontario

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