



October 19, 2023

Shaul Schneider
Chairman of Ashdod Port
Ashdod Port
P.O. Box 9001 77191
Ashdod, Israel

RE: SeaPort Manatee Stands with the State of Israel

Dear Mr. Shaul Schneider,

SeaPort Manatee proudly stands with the State of Israel and unequivocally condemns the appalling acts of terrorism by Hamas. There is no justification for terrorism and no justification for the terrorist actions of Hamas.

For SeaPort Manatee, this is personal. Our port, through a letter of intent supporting collaborative and innovative projects, works in partnership with Ashdod Port in the State of Israel. This is an agreement that SeaPort Manatee and Ashdod Port entered into in early 2023.

As such, we've been working cooperatively with our partners at Ashdod Port in exploring operational knowledge-sharing opportunities to further strengthen supply chain logistics and identify joint business development prospects.

Therefore, as friends and partners of Israel and Ashdod Port, SeaPort Manatee declares its unwavering support for Israel in its efforts to defend itself and its people against these atrocities inflicted by Hamas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Satcher", is written over a horizontal line.

James Satcher, Chairman
Manatee County Port Authority