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Hearing and Gaza

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To: Hillary Clinton hr15@att.blackberry.net; Hillary Clinton hdr22@clintonemail.com

Subject: Hearing and Gaza

Dear Hillary,

Thinking of you a lot these days in gratitude for opening the door to the Senate and allowing the perspective of Functional medicine to be heard - the hearing is set for February 26th. If you want to connect while I am in DC from the 24th to the 28th for the IOM meeting and the hearing- let me know.

When I finish writing my testimony I will send it to you - if you have a few minutes (which I realize is unlikely) I would welcome any input or advice.

The main reason I wanted to touch base was to forward this email from James Gordon about his work in Gaza.. Considering what is ahead of you I thought his perspective from the ground might be helpful.

His contact info is below if you want to contact him.

Fondly,

Mark

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From: James Gordon >

Date: Mon, 16 Feb 2009 10:21:47 -0500

To: Mark Hyman >

Subject: Re: Updated Plan

I'd like to talk with Hillary about the situation in Gaza and the very real prospects for peace that I believe are there, possibilities that we have for a variety of reasons ignored or dismissed or allowed to be "taken off the table." It's time for a fresh perspective and a deep, informed commitment to peace and I believe she can bring these, and I can be of help to her.

I've made over a dozen visits to Gaza in the last 7 years, know quite a bit about the populations's state of mind: We've worked intensively with 20,000 traumatized children and adults and have interacted with some of the major families (tribes) as well as the government, UN and NGO bureaucracies. I've also met with political leadership from Hamas and Fatah (in both Gaza and the West Bank) as well as independent intellectuals. I have too a pretty good understanding of the various Israeli perspectives and state of mind and have worked with every segment of Israeli society from UltraOrthodox to militantly secular, from the settlers removed from Gaza to the soldiers and government officials who removed them. Finally, our major funder for this work (Tom Harkin had helped us obtain some seed money from the CDC) is Chuck Feeney who helped with the Irish peace process and is potentially interested in economic development in Gaza as well as in our humanitarian and mental health work.

I feel I can help Hillary seize this moment of crisis and turn it into an extraordinary opportunity. There is, underneath the understandable fear and anger and the posturing so much yearning for peace, and perhaps I can help her find ways to use it creatively and effectively.

Thanks so much for being willing to contact her

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