



December 15, 2012

Dear President Obama,

On behalf of the people of Israel, as friends and as parents, we stand with you today in contemplation and grief over the atrocious, incomprehensible massacre of 20 children and six adults - educators - at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

No experience with death can be likened to that of a parents' loss of their child. No crime is more heinous than the killing of a child.

Our hearts are with the bereaved families of the victims, the mourning community in Newtown, Connecticut and the people of the United States of America. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shimon Peres". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shimon" and the last name "Peres" clearly distinguishable.

Shimon Peres
President of the State of Israel