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Dear Friends at the Jewish Federations of North America,

As members of Israeli civil society, we wanted to express our concern and support for our American brothers and sisters during these difficult times. We are following the news closely and are disheartened by the medical, social and economic crises Americans have been facing in these past few months.

As Israelis, we are accustomed to encountering prejudice against minorities, social discord and economic instability, and we know how these issues can weigh on a society as a whole. We salute your efforts to create a much-needed sense of community and belonging for Jews across the country, during a time when people need it the most.

We would love the opportunity to help Jewish communities across America in whatever ways possible, by rallying support, sharing your message, or sharing our various expertise wherever relevant. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is some way we can be of service.

In solidarity,

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Minuf's vision is that of an Israeli society that strives for and protects equality, human rights, pluralism, social justice and tolerance, and has strong ties with Jews around the world. We represent dozens of diverse Israeli civil society organizations working for a more equitable and just society (partial list included below).

WePower boosts women's political participation and engagement in decision making at the local, regional, and national levels.

The Women's Courtyard supports and assists at-risk Israeli women and girls from diverse, multi-ethnic communities in three courtyards throughout the country

Na'amat advances and strengthens the status of women in the family, in the work force and in society, comprised of women from diverse sectors of the population, communities, countries of origin and religious streams.

Shiluv Institute for Family and Couple Therapy is a Jerusalem-based non-profit organization that provides high-quality, professional and affordable couple and family therapy to residents of the greater Jerusalem area, regardless of their financial situation.

Siraj – Advancing Hi-Tech in the Bedouin Community is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to integrating the Bedouin community into Israel's booming hi-tech sector by working with both industry and community to bridge the gaps preventing meaningful, large-scale participation.

Mabat - Awareness in Multicultural Society was founded in 2008 to break down barriers among Israeli citizens, and give them tools to impact greater equality in their universities, workplaces and communities overall .

Lada'at - Choose Well was founded in 1976 to promote healthy sexuality and reproductive rights by combining sex-positive educational activities, supportive family planning counseling and advocating on behalf of all citizens' right to achieve full self-determination in decisions related to reproduction and sexuality.

Tag Meir's mission is to fight religious extremism, violence and incitement towards Israel's minorities and promote the Jewish values of tolerance, pluralism and respect for the other through education, advocacy and solidarity work.

Center for Women Justice: Defending women's rights to equality, dignity and justice whenever they are compromised by State religious institutions, CWJ seeks to ensure religious freedom and limit the authority of the State-backed religious establishment over women's bodies.

Lawyers for Good Governance fights corruption and promotes good governance in Israeli-Arab municipalities

Kamah – Curative Community at Harduf: Located in Kibbutz Harduf, in the lower Galilee, Kamah advocates for social change via the full integration of people with special needs in a rural community, by providing a protective and integrated environment for children and adults in need of special support.

Yad LaKashish- Lifeline for the Elderly provides unique employment opportunities for low-income seniors, with the mission to improve the quality of life of elderly Jerusalem residents through creative work opportunities and comprehensive social and financial benefits in a warm, community environment.

Ruach Dromit (Southern Wind) creates a supportive community and a nurturing environment for cancer patients and their families residing in the Negev region through the provision of complementary medicine therapies.

Tsofen is a non-profit organization, founded in 2008 by Jewish and Arab hi-tech professionals and economists who aspired to develop the hi-tech sector in the Arab community as an economic lever and catalyst for shared society in Israel.

Future Mobility is a non-profit NGO that seeks to place Israel as a world leader in implementation of Smart Mobility and a knowledge center for the smart mobility revolution.

Haim VeSviva (Life and Environment) is the umbrella organization for Israel's environmental organizations, with more than 100 member organizations, building a broad, diverse, effective and participatory environmental movement in order to bring about profound environmental, social and cultural change.

KamaTech advances Haredi men and women to the forefront of Israeli hi-tech industry through 3 strategic approaches: job placements, startup accelerator, and building the startup ecosystem within the Haredi community.

The Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation (INHF) protects and conserves Israel's nature, landscapes and heritage sites.

Migdal Or is a multi-service center dedicated to advancing people with blindness or visual impairment towards independent functioning and inclusion in the workplace.

Women's Spirit works to promote the economic independence of women survivors of violence in Israel and strives for social change from a feminist perspective and commitment to social and gender justice.

Kol Zchut is a non-profit focusing on delivering information about the rights of Israelis, whose mission is to improve the awareness of individual rights in Israel, specifically in the area of social rights, especially among the most disadvantaged populations.

The Movement for Quality Government in Israel is an independent, non-partisan, grass roots, non-profit association that aims to expose public corruption and regulative flaws and actively promote the rule of law and better government.

Tzionei Derech (Landmarks) was founded in 2013 with the mission to inspire collaborations between young people from all sectors of Israeli society in order to spur community activism, and instill values of pluralism and social cohesion.