



ראש הממשלה
Prime Minister

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Dear Senator Feinstein,

Thank you for your most recent letter regarding Susiya.

As you noted, the matter is currently pending a Supreme Court decision. Earlier this month, the State requested an extension until November 15, 2016, to formulate its position. Until that time, Israeli authorities will refrain from implementing the demolition orders issued with regard to illegally built structures. It should be clarified, however, that this commitment does not apply to new construction carried out after February 24, 2014, in violation of previous judicial rulings.

Once again, I wish to emphasize that while fulfilling its obligation to enforce the law, Israel makes every effort to demonstrate sensitivity to the needs of the local population and to offer fair and reasonable solutions. I can assure you that the Government of Israel will comply with whatever the Supreme Court decides on this contentious issue.

Sincerely,



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