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Dear Dr. Price and the leadership of the American Statistical Association

We, the leaders of the Israeli statistics community, strongly believe that science and scientists are pursuing knowledge for the benefit of humanity and are striving to make this world a better place.

We are shocked by the outrageous atrocities that the Hamas terrorist group has committed on Israeli citizens at their homes on Saturday morning, murdering more than 1000 people, including families and young children, and massacring youngsters who attended an open-air music festival. In addition, the Hamas have kidnapped over 150 hostages, including elderly, women and children who are being held in life-threatening situations in the Gaza strip.

This attack, one of the most severe terrorist attacks ever, has been condemned by world leaders, politicians, scientist, intellectuals and artists.

We, personally, have all been contacted by numerous stunned colleagues from around the globe inquiring about our wellbeing, suggesting support and voicing deep concerns about the hostages. Yet, your clear voice, as leaders of our profession, needs to be heard and we call upon you to condemn these appalling terrorist attack, taking place on a peaceful high holiday in Israel against civilians and to **call for the immediate release of the hostages.**

Sincerely yours

Prof Orly Manor, President, The Israel Statistics and Data Science Association and all Committee members