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**State Representative Kelly Skidmore Speaks out Against
Attacks in Israel**

BOCA RATON, Fla. - State Representative Kelly Skidmore (D-Boca Raton) of Florida today condemned the tragedy in Israel, where more than 1,300 people, including nine Americans, have been killed in the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas. **Representative Skidmore** issued the following statement:

“It is with a great sadness that we witness the ongoing turmoil and violence in the Middle East. The recent attacks on Israel by Hamas have left us deeply heartbroken. Israel has long been a beacon of democracy, innovation, and resilience in the Middle East and a true friend to the United States and the State of Florida. It is a nation that has faced numerous challenges throughout its existence, yet it has always shown unwavering determination to thrive and prosper. It is with admiration that we view their accomplishments in fields ranging from technology to culture. As a representative of my community, I pledge to continue advocating for policies that strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship and promote peace. Let us remember that in times of crisis, we must stand together, show empathy, and strive for a better future for all. My heart aches for the people of Israel, and I express my sincerest hope that they may soon find the security, peace, and stability they so rightfully deserve.”

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