



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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World Jewish Congress
World Headquarters
501 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Friends:

It is a great honor to congratulate Elie and Marion Wiesel on receiving the WJC's Theodor Herzl Award. I cannot think of two people more deserving of this award than Elie and Marion, whose wisdom and perseverance has kept the legacy of the Holocaust instilled in our minds and has changed the way our Nation addresses these atrocities. I am so grateful to be able to call both of them my good friends.

To remember and to keep a living history of the events and memories that shape our lives, is one of the defining aspects of humanity. By sharing these remembrances, we honor those who have come before us and the lessons they continue to teach us with the passage of time.

Elie Wiesel was a child when he saw firsthand one of the most profound horrors that man has inflicted upon man in an organized fashion. But, Elie did not forget – and in response, he and Marion have worked tirelessly to ensure that the world will never forget what happened to the Jewish people during such a dark period of history. They are people of significant conscience whose insight is matched by their principle and their courage.

Elie and Marion, you are true heroes in every sense of the word. Thank you for never relenting in your important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.