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The Honorable Ken Livingstone
Mayor of London
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Dear Mayor Livingstone:

As President of The United States Conference of Mayors representing the USA mayors, please accept our most sincere condolences to you and the people of London as we mourn with families and close friends of the innocent lost and injured in the tragic bombings of this morning.

I, along with our nation's mayors, recall fondly and we appreciated your vision on the occasion of the visit you gave us for our 2001 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. Today, as mayors across the world, we are most mindful of the threat of terrorist attacks that any of us could experience during this challenging period of our history.

We recognize the joy and elation for London just yesterday when London was awarded the 2012 Olympics and we today have a feeling of sorrow for you and London as you go through this challenging time. We have been inspired by the spirit of London throughout our history together. And we know with your leadership and the undeniable resilient strength of Londoners, you will gather the strength for a time of healing as well as a time to be vigilant and unafraid as London will go forward - once again- to inspire the world with their courage and strength.

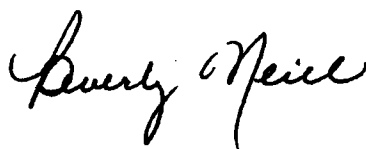
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History has proven through the ages that Londoners do not back down. Today, Londoners are most fortunate to have a strong Mayor, elected, to lead them through the joys and jubilation and through times of profound sorrow. We are also mindful of times like these that the people of a city will look to their mayor for an answer to ease the pain and sorrow to quell the fear, and establish the normalcy so needed to keep your city going. Our thoughts and prayers are with you personally as you go forward to face the enormous challenge of moving over 3 million people a day to and from work on your transport system.

Again, our profound condolences to the families of the innocent lost and injured. We also commend your emergency response teams for their magnificent response following the attacks and our thoughts are with the men and women who spend their daily lives in the protection and rescue efforts of Londoners.

We send you our total support - our solidarity - and we stand with you as you move London and her people forward. Today, we are all Londoners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly O'Neill".

Beverly O'Neill
Mayor of Long Beach
President