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We're reaching out today with compassion and support for all parents and families in the For Our Kids network who are being impacted by the deepening humanitarian crisis and violence in the Middle East, particularly if you are grieving lost loved ones or have family and friends who are threatened. Our thoughts are also with those of you for whom these events reignite previous experiences of fear and violence. Most of all, we are so deeply saddened and outraged by the staggering loss of innocent children's lives.

While we as a network support team struggle to find words that are commensurate to the events we're witnessing, we want to be clear about our commitment to you, the families who are the heart and soul of For Our Kids. This network is about families supporting each other, learning together, sharing resources, and developing our collective capacity to do the crucial work needed to face the climate crisis. This work is based in love, courage and care for our kids and for each other.

As you know, For Our Kids takes its lead from you, parents on the ground involved in climate action, rather than issuing statements outside the specific climate policy arena. At the same time, as a network of parents and families, we know that the struggle for human rights is intrinsically linked to creating a just, equitable, sustainable and safe world for our kids. It can feel deeply difficult to carry on this work while those rights are being directly attacked, and we want you to know we are here to help carry it on however we can. If there is something you feel we can provide in terms of support to you and your family at this time, we encourage you to reach out to us at hello@forourkids.ca

Thank you for everything you do. Stay well,

Jinhwa, Gabrielle, Lella, Lorna, Natalie, Ruth

For Our Kids parents and teams live, work, meet, and act in communities that exist on land that has been taken from First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples across Turtle Island, whether through unfulfilled treaties or outright occupation of territory. We recognize the harm and injustices resulting from colonization and we commit to working toward safe, inclusive, just, equitable and healthy communities for all.