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Jewish Response Group Congratulates Obama-Biden Team

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Jewish Response, an organization founded to help defuse anti-Semitism, congratulated President Elect Obama and Vice-President Elect Biden on their successful election campaign which withstood pressure from such groups as AIPAC and the RJC which consistently accused the Obama team of not being supportive of the State of Israel. Right up to the eve of the election the RJC reached out to Jewish voters with slander against Mr. Obama. In doing this these groups gave the public the dangerous impression that American Jews care about Israel first and America second. Dragging the issues involving Israel into American politics and consistently focusing on Jews is counter-productive, fueling anti-Semitism and creating potential danger to Jews worldwide.

The election results and post election surveys of voting Jews indicated only 8% reporting issues involving Israel a prime factor in their decision, demonstrating the negligible effects of the pro-Israel lobbies which tried to paint all Jews with an Israel-first attitude to American politics.

"We find the Obama-Biden team refreshing." said Leo Greenbaum, spokesperson for Jewish Response. "It was like a breath of fresh air when Mr. Biden told reporters on September 3 during a telephone conference: 'AIPAC doesn't speak for the entire Jewish community. There are other organizations that are just as strong and consequential.' We are heartened by their courage in standing up to these groups which lobby to promote their own agendas and in the President-elect's recent cabinet appointments which clearly demonstrate a non-partisan attitude toward creating a government team comprised of the most capable candidates for the job - regardless of their race, religion, or politics - focusing on what is best for America and its people."

"We wish them strength, health and success in leading this great nation" said Mr. Greenbaum. He continued: "May God bless them, their families and their future cabinet members. In the words of our traditional Jewish blessing 'May He Who grants salvation to kings and ruler ship to princes, Who saves His servant David from the evil sword, Who makes a path in the sea and a trail in turbulent waters -- may He bless, guard and exalt President-elect Barak Obama and Vice-President-elect Joe Biden. May the King of Kings give them life and protect them from all misfortune and adversity. May He grant them victory over our country's enemies, and may they be successful in whatever they do."

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About Jewish Response:

Jewish response is a global Jewish organization with the goal of undermining the foundations of anti-Semitism that have led to so many tragedies in the past.

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