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Equality and Human Rights

Dear friend,

Last Saturday about 100,000 people demonstrated in Tel Aviv against the initiatives of the new government in Israel to bring about a regime coup.



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We feel that despite the establishment of the government led by Binyamin Netanyahu, at the head of a Jewish-conservative-religious-messianic supremacy coalition, the most racist and corrupt ever to be formed here since the establishment of the state, and notwithstanding its efforts to use its parliamentary majority to trample on liberal values and human rights - **we do not have the luxury to despair**. Our rivals do not despair and are brimming with energy.

The advancement of thousands of clauses in the coalition

agreements drawn up by the ultra-conservative think tank Kohelet Forum, the government's proposed legal reforms, the call to arrest the leaders of the opposition, the threats against Israel's Palestinian citizens and demonstrators, and the attempt to harm freedom of protest may have a profound and disastrous effect on the future of Israel's fragile liberal democracy.

Coupled with the transfer of control over the Palestinians and the settlers in the territories to the latter and to their representatives in the government and the Knesset, such a turn of events would lead to a de facto annexation of the West Bank and would have long-term consequences for our future.

Zulat is currently hard at work in the most important arena of all: the Knesset. In the past few weeks, we attended Knesset committee debates, submitted position papers, met with opposition MKs, and this week we made our biggest move yet. We have launched a new project: **"Emergency Call-Up Order"**. We have enlisted 80 former government ministers and MKs from throughout the political spectrum – right' center and left. They came to the Knesset, where decisions our made, and attended its debates in an effort to stop the planned regime coup. This is an unprecedented move in the activity of the Israeli Knesset and we intend to continue it in the coming months.



This week in the Knesset with two former MK's: to my right Meli Polishook-Bloch (Shinui), to my left Gaby Lasky (Meretz).

I believe that through the joint actions of many good people, we will knock down this wall. Hard? Yes. Impossible? No!

Allow me a personal note: I was born in the Soviet Union, a country that no longer exists, which may have been the worst dictatorship in human history and surely one of the most murderous ones. In 1985 US Intelligence assessed that it would still be around in the following decades, but it collapsed in 1989 and was officially pronounced dead in 1991. No one saw it coming, and yet today the USSR is a distant memory.

We will continue to defend our positions and values and

fortify the foundations of equality, democracy, and human rights. After all, if this colossal change was possible, then the overthrow of the Netanyahu-Ben-Gvir-Smotrich-Deri government is just as feasible. It's in our hands to do it. Do not despair!

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Yours truly,

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