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Dear members of the Illinois Investment Policy Board,

On behalf of the Chicago Rabbinical Council, our membership, and the communities we represent, thank you for your principled, and brave action against Unilever, the parent company of Ben & Jerry's, due to its recent boycott of Israel. You have taken a just stand against the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement. BDS is a pernicious contemporary expression of the oldest hatred, anti-semitism, uniquely singling out the Jewish state for unfair scrutiny and heavy handed punishment. Our local Jewish community takes comfort in your principled stance, and is proud of the example you help set for others around the country.

We are proud of you, the State of Illinois and the just actions of our United States of America. The noble global battle for justice must unfortunately sometimes be waged in legislative and financial realms. Your brave action has deep and profound impact that reaches to every corner of our local community, and around the world.

Wishing each of you a new year filled with health, happiness and fulfillment.

Sincerely,

**Rabbi Shaanan Gelman**  
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