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Dear Wendy McMahon,

The Free Press recently [reported](#) that your network's senior director of standards and practices instructed CBS News employees to avoid referring to Jerusalem as being in Israel, a factually correct statement.

Why CBS News would encourage its employees, including journalists, to deny this fact defies reason.

Parts of Jerusalem have been the capital of modern Israel since 1948 and all of Jerusalem came under Israeli control in 1967, following the Six-Day War. The United States government has legislatively recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital since 1995.

Most recently, the Trump-Pence Administration moved the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem in May of 2018 and reiterated that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, despite the widespread belief that it could not be done.

Jerusalem is in Israel. This is simply a fact.

Again – the CBS News decision to deny the reality of Jerusalem as being in Israel makes no sense.

We, the undersigned, as leaders of the Jewish American Community and friends of the Jewish American Community, are deeply concerned with your organization's decision and request a meeting to understand your organization's policy of denying that Jerusalem is in Israel.

Thank you,

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