Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) issued the following statement in response to the past week of Hamas rocket attacks launched against Israel.

“The recent unprovoked rocket attacks from Gaza into Israeli towns are a stark reminder that terrorist forces will try to thwart any and all efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East. Israel has the right and responsibility to respond to these security threats, but the focus must remain on making tangible progress toward peace. Israel has taken bold action to increase the flow of humanitarian goods into Gaza, and the Arab League has endorsed direct negotiations. The U.S. should continue working to bring the Israelis and Palestinians to the negotiating table as quickly as possible because only a just, permanent settlement will provide true peace and security for Israel and her neighbors.”