



### Position of Support for Israel

The fight to defend the U.S.-Israeli alliance is an essential part of the United States' strategy to promote peace in the Middle East and ensure the survival of democracy in the region. In Congress, I will work tirelessly to safeguard policies that support our shared values and strengthen the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

As a business owner in the toy-manufacturing industry, I have developed strong relationships within the Jewish community and know the importance of the American-Israeli economic partnership. With my own business, I am directly working to build on that partnership by expanding my business to Israel. I will always support Israel's business environment and the nation's robust economic relationship with the United States.

In my spiritual faith, I hold the nation of Israel in high regard as the land of God's people. As a Christian, I hold dear the history and significance of Israel, and I have developed a deep respect for the Jewish people.

Through my travels to the Middle East for mission work, I've had firsthand opportunities to see the impact of Israel's values as the region's sole nation that always defends and respects human rights and the dignity of life. The United States must continue to support Israel in the fight against human rights violations in the Middle East.

I strongly support the State of Israel. I will do all I can to preserve this necessary friendship, assure the alliance remains strong, and ensure our partnership never waivers.

In Congress, I will:

#### **Ensure Security for both Nations**

For decades, Israel has endured severe threats from within the region, and growing instability in the Middle East is accelerating these threats. Now more than ever, it's crucial that the United States steps up to the plate to ensure Israel has access to the resources it needs for optimal military defense.

**J**I strongly support recent U.S. appropriations for full security support of Israel, including \$500 million for missile-defense programs and \$3.3 billion in security assistance. Both nations gain from this strategic alliance. To ensure the advancement of democracy in the Middle East, we must protect the people and borders of Israel, while also strengthening the country's military capabilities to defend the people of Israel now, and far into the future. Israel's security is paramount for ensuring the security of the United States and the success of American diplomacy in the Middle East.

### **Oppose Anti-Israel Prejudice**

Since its founding in 1948, Israel and its allies have been the victims of economic pressure from those who wish to undermine Israel. Both Israeli companies and American companies who do business with the Jewish State have been targeted by extensive, damaging boycotts and economic sanctions. I will always and staunchly oppose the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement and any bias efforts to isolate Israel. I will support legislation that prevents our government from doing business with countries and entities that support the BDS movement. I will always stand up to those who seek to delegitimize Israel, and I will never fail to speak out against their acts on the global stage.

### **Counter-terrorism**

The United States will always be a leader in the international fight against terrorism and Israel has proven to be our most reliable partner in this fight. As the world's leading sponsor of terrorism, Iran has become the Middle East's most significant threat to Israel and the American goals of promoting democracy and ending ongoing violence in the region. We must ensure Iran never secures nuclear weapons capabilities, and we must confront Iranian aggression and human rights abuses. I will support legislation to guarantee America leads in keeping nuclear weapons out of the hands of the Iranian regime, and I will relentlessly condemn all terrorist aggression in the region.

### **Promote Negotiations for Peace**

In order to bring lasting peace to the Middle East, I will support policies to encourage direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians to resolve their ongoing conflict. The United States is an integral partner in protecting Israel's security and ensuring a safe environment for negotiations. A two-state solution, with recognition of Israel's existence as an independent Jewish State, is the only path to peace in the region and, ultimately, ending violence in the Middle East.

### **Support the US-Israeli Economic Partnership**

The United States is Israel's chief trade partner. As Israel plays a fundamental role in the United States' economic and defense strategies in the Middle East, the two nations enjoy a vital friendship. I will always support continued free trade with Israel, and I will work to promote Israel's pro-business state and its environment for technological innovation. I will

**J**I always support and champion policies that further strengthen the economic partnership between Israel and the United States.

### **Combat Palestinian Aggression and Terrorist Organizations**

The United States is committed to ending the violence of the Hamas terrorist groups, condemning the aggression of the Palestinians, and supporting a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I will always back the United States' support for Israel in the fight against terrorist groups. These groups have perpetrated horrific attacks on Israelis and Americans, with new threats issued almost daily. I will support all legislation that condemns and imposes sanctions on any foreign nation that backs or provides material support to these terrorist organizations.