

Congressman Josh Gottheimer

RECENT PRO-ISRAEL ACTIONS



The State of Israel is our most important ally and a beacon of democracy in the Middle East. That is why I have been working hard in Congress to address the many shared challenges our two countries face, including the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran.

Legislative

- Passed a bipartisan amendment to H.Res.326, reaffirming that no new conditions should be placed on the vital assistance to Israel under the 10-year, U.S.-Israel MOU.
- Introduced a bipartisan House Resolution with Rep. Lee Zeldin (H.Res.727), condemning terrorist rocket attacks on Israel and supporting Israel's right to defend itself.
- Introduced H.R.5063, the *U.S.-Israel Anti-Killer Drone Act*, bipartisan legislation to help thwart small unmanned aerial systems that threaten the U.S. and Israel.
- Signed bipartisan letters supporting efforts to extend the U.N. arms embargo on Iran; and supporting the U.S. and Israel against illegitimate attacks by ICC.
- Cosponsored H.R.1837, the *U.S.-Israel Cooperation Enhancement & Regional Security Act* and H.Res.246, a bipartisan resolution opposing efforts to delegitimize Israel, and the Global Boycott Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement targeting Israel.
- Helped introduce H.R.1441, the *Stop Corrupt Iranian Oligarchs and Entities Act* with Republican David Kustoff of Tennessee.
- Wrote H.R.2240, the *U.S.-Israel Joint Missile Defense Act*, with Republican Brian Mast of Florida to advance the Arrow 3 long-range missile defense system; signed into law in FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).
- Introduced the Mast, Gottheimer, Engel, McCaul *Palestinian International Terrorism Support Prevention Act* (H.R.1850) to expand sanctions against Hamas.
- Wrote H.Res.684, a bipartisan resolution condemning the UN General Assembly vote criticizing the United States' rightful recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.
- Cosponsored H.R.5141, the *U.S.-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act*, and H.R.5132, the *Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps Economic Exclusion Act*.
- First House Democrat to cosponsor the *Taylor Force Act* (H.R.1164), to end the Palestinian Authority's brutal "pay to slay" system
- Led bipartisan letters urging the President to sanction Iran's Intercontinental Ballistic Missile program; to State to maintain the Coordinator for Sanctions Policy; and urging Treasury to adopt a comprehensive strategy for cracking down on Hamas.
- Introduced the bipartisan *U.S.-Israel Common Defense Authorization Act* (H.R.4017) to deter Iran and protect Israel with "bunker buster" munitions capable of taking out underground nuclear infrastructure when key provisions of the nuclear deal expire.
- Cosponsored Royce-Engel legislation to expand sanctions against Iran's ballistic missile program (H.R.1698), and the Iran Ballistic Missile Reporting Act of 2017 (H.R.3078).
- Cosponsored H.R.3329, *Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act* and H.R.3342, *Sanctioning Hizballah's Illicit Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act*.
- Cosponsored and voted for H.Res.11, Objecting to the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 as an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian Peace.

Recent Clips

March 14, 2017 – Jewish Insider: This Freshman Ran for Congress So That Jewish Insider Would Interview Him

On Recent Anti-Semitic Threats at JCCs: We did a call with 70 Synagogues because of what is going on with the bomb threats of the JCCs and the desecration of the cemeteries. People are incredibly anxious. A lot of parents in my district are pulling their kids out of JCCs. We brought together the US Attorney of New Jersey, FBI and Homeland Security, we were able to talk to people and talk about the issues. I've pushed for more resources to protect synagogues and other religious institutions."

April 6, 2017 – Jewish Link: Rep. Gottheimer OpEd - Let's Keep Israel a Bipartisan Issue

"We need to send a clear message to the rest of the world that the United States stands firmly with our ally."

May 30, 2017 – Jewish Insider: Bipartisan Bill Introduced to Bolster Sanctions Against Hamas

"Our bipartisan bill will ensure that anyone who provides assistance to this enemy of the United States and our vital ally Israel will face the strength and determination of our country," Gottheimer said.

October 18, 2017 – Jewish Link: Gottheimer Breaks Ranks With Dems on Iran

"Unfortunately," he continued, "there were only four of us [other than Gottheimer] who refused to sign any letter on the Democrat side. For many of us, there was a concern that the JCPOA was a flawed deal. The President took steps to lay out a pathway and keep the pressure on Iran."

March 11, 2019– Jewish News Syndicate: Reps. Gottheimer, Kustoff introduce action to list of Iranian oligarchs, entities

Gottheimer said that "in recent years, Iran has capitalized on sanctions relief, bankrolling terrorist organizations like Hezbollah, Hamas and military adventurism across the region, while enriching corrupt, regime-connected officials back at home."

November 14, 2019– JTA: Bipartisan House legislation would help Israel combat 'killer drones'

"As we've seen this week, with Palestinian Islamic Jihad's barrage of rockets from Gaza towards innocent civilians in Israel, our ally continues to face a barrage of terrorist attacks," Gottheimer said in the statement.

December 3, 2019 – The Hill: Bipartisan lawmakers introduce amendment affirming US commitment to military aid to Israel

Reps. Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.), Ted Deutch (D-Fla.) and Tom Reed (R-N.Y.) submitted the amendments... The language in the amendments includes calls for the United States to "stand by its ironclad commitments" to provide military aid to Israel, the billion-dollar amount first agreed upon as a memorandum of understanding (MOU) under former President Obama in 2016 and renewed every 10 years.