



Israel is a vital American ally and a vibrant democracy in the world's most troubled region. The incredible friendship between our countries is carved into the bedrock of our shared values and common belief in God, liberty, equality, and human rights.

I have communicated directly with Israel's political leadership and leaders in its medical community, and was blessed to visit the country with my entire family. I was welcomed with warmth and respect by members of all faiths, and witnessed a country with millions of Jews, Muslims and Christians living and worshiping freely and united by a shared commitment to coexistence and peace.



The Jewish connection to the holy land is ancient and the United States must stay unequivocally supportive of the right of the Jewish people to live freely and safely in the Jewish State. President Trump was right to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital city and move the U.S. Embassy there. Jerusalem must remain an undivided city, allowing all to have free access to the holy sites of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

As a United States Senator, I will strongly support American efforts to ensure that Israel has the qualitative military edge it needs to defend itself against genocidal enemies and terrorists. I will work to provide Israel with diplomatic backing on the world stage and in the United Nations, where it is so wrongfully singled out for abuse. I will fight the anti-Semitic BDS movement and oppose economic discrimination against Israel. I vehemently support the Taylor Force Act and oppose the grotesque cash rewards given to the families of terrorists who murder Israelis.

Iran poses uniquely grave challenges for Israel and America. Its jihadist government denies the Holocaust and is committed to Israel's destruction. Such genocidal threats are a moral abomination which should disgust every person of conscience. Nuclear weapons in the hands of such a regime are totally unacceptable. The Iran Nuclear Deal (JCPOA) is a badly flawed agreement that would not deny an Iranian bomb. President Trump was right to withdraw from the deal and impose maximum pressure sanctions. Such pressure is the best way to undermine the Iranian regime, and I support returning to those sanctions at the earliest possible time.

The Abraham Accords represented a historic leap for diplomacy and brotherhood. As Israel and leading Arab nations now forge a path together based on economic and security cooperation, we see the fulfillment of Biblical prophecies for peace. Our objective must now be to capitalize on those gains to further deepen ties, heal the region, and promote hope in the world.