



Position Paper on U.S. — Israeli Relations
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Since being the first country to recognize the Israeli State in 1948, America has served as one of Israel's most trusted allies. This strong relationship has bolstered our nation's national security, economic innovation, and technological advancement.

Israel is the most important American ally in the Middle East. Its commitment to democracy and individual liberty provides a shared worldview that is vital for collaboration and joint military efforts. It is imperative that we protect our relationship with Israel to further American interests in the region.

If elected to the Senate, I pledge to advocate for policies that support Israel and strengthen America. I believe that America is safer, and the Middle East is more stable, when American Israeli relations are at their strongest. I also believe that a robust partnership with Israel paves the way for a free exchange of innovative ideas, strengthening both countries' economies. Finally, I pledge to do all I can to prevent the acquisition and proliferation of nuclear armaments by governments and terrorist organizations that are antagonistic to Israel.

Jerusalem

Unlike President Obama, President Trump has done an incredible job projecting strength in American foreign policy, and he continues this streak when he declared that the U.S. would recognize Jerusalem as the rightful capital of Israel.

Iran

Iran is the largest state sponsor of terrorism in the world and remains a mutual enemy to both the United States and to Israel. Moreover, I strongly support the United States moving forward on three fronts as it relates to Iran: (1) ensure that Iran never acquires nuclear warhead capabilities; (2) push back against Iran's broader destabilizing influence throughout the Middle East; and (3) oppose Iran's ballistic missile testing, gross human rights abuses, as well as their sponsorship of terrorism.

Economic Threats

Israel is an oasis of freedom, tolerance, and economic prosperity in an unstable region of the world. We have a bond based on shared values, including democracy, the rule of law, and human rights. Much like the security threats in the region, opponents of Israel consistently seek to



implement strategies involving aggressive economic tactics and schemes such as boycotts, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movements against the state of Israel. These tactics aim to cripple Israel's economy, delegitimize Israel's national standing, and create isolation between Israel and its partners. The United States must enforce and build on previous policies to defend Israel and oppose BDS efforts targeting Israel, including utilizing existing and future trade agreements to sustain and enhance a global environment that encourages partnerships and economic development initiatives with Israel.

Terrorism

The specter of terrorism becoming more prevalent underscores the necessity for the United States and Israel to stand against this barbarism and the harm it poses to innocent civilians. As such the United States must maintain its strong commitment to Israel's security and its ability to defend its borders. I strongly support the 3.3 billion dollars in security assistance and \$500 million in cooperative missile defense funding, as called upon by the Memorandum of Understanding Instability and new threats to security in the Middle East threaten U.S. interests and those of our allies, none more so than Israel. The United States and Israel have a unique bond based on shared values, and Israelis deserve to have a Jewish home-state free from any threat of violence. I believe Israel's qualitative military edge helps preserve the balance of power in the Middle East and that United States' security is inextricably linked to the Israel's Security.

Peace Process

If elected to the United States Senate, I will do everything in my power to support and move forward with a two-state solution, in which both Palestine and Israel exist in peace. I am again encouraged by the Trump administration's attempts thus far to craft a framework for moving forward with such talks. And I believe the United States should use its diplomatic powers as widely as it can to bring both sides to the table and facilitate an agreement — however, we must understand that this is a complicated conflict thousands of years old. It will take time, and it is not easy, particularly in the face of radical Islamic fundamentalists who seek Israel's destruction.