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The United States has a moral obligation to protect Israel, and supporting Israel protects our interests in the Middle East. We know that the path to peace in the Middle East runs through a strong U.S.-Israel relationship, and as such, we must always stand with Israel.

As the United States Ambassador to Japan, I saw first-hand how important it is to support our allies, especially when they are in dangerous geo-political regions. President Trump is fighting to restore our rightful place as a leader on the world's stage. He is working to ensure that our allies support us and our enemies fear us, and he is making good on promises, including moving our embassy to Jerusalem. But he needs allies in the Senate who will work with him to achieve his foreign policy objectives.

Serving in President Trump's administration was the honor of a lifetime, but when I saw liberals in Washington led by "The Squad" and outright socialists, I felt called to act. Their radical socialist agenda includes supporting the anti-Zionist, anti-Semitic BDS movement. Now, I'm running for Senate to work with President Trump on the issues most important to Tennesseans and to stop this radical socialist agenda.

Tennesseans are clear on this issue - they stand with Israel - and as their Senator, I will:

Stand With President Trump In Reaffirming Our Historic Commitment To Israel

Under President Obama's administration, our relationship with Israel took a significant hit, but President Trump has worked tirelessly to recommit to one of our most important allies. He kept America's long-made promise to move our embassy to Jerusalem, and I completely support his decision to recognize Jerusalem as the rightful capital of Israel. I also believe the Trump Administration was right to say Israeli settlements in the West Bank are not a violation of international law. In the Senate, I will work with President Trump to reaffirm our commitment to Israel.

Align Ourselves Against Israel's Enemies

Israel is surrounded on all sides by hostile powers that deny its right to exist. The United States should clearly signal our support for Israel by any means necessary. Israel's enemies are our enemies. To increase its leverage at the negotiating table, Israel must be confident that it has the United States' complete support, and as a U.S. Senator, I will do everything in my power to ensure it does.

Show Tehran The U.S. Does Not Tolerate Their Attempts To Bully Our Allies

Iran is one of America's most serious national security threats. Tehran is a belligerent power completely hostile to the United States, and it is at the center of most of the problems in the Middle East. Under President Obama's administration, much of the world - including our own allies - were unsure where we stood, but under President Trump's administration, it is clear. The United States must stand with our allies and confront the world's largest state sponsor of terror.

Push For A Permanent Nuclear Deal That Ensures Iran Never Has A Nuclear Weapon

We cannot allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon. Period. A nuclear Iran would have disastrous consequences, and it could too easily put a nuclear weapon in the hands of Hezbollah or some other terrorist organization. President Obama put Israel - and the world - in jeopardy when he put Iran on a path to develop nuclear weapons. I was relieved when President Trump scrapped Obama's Iran deal, but we must continue to work towards a permanent nuclear deal that ensures Iran will never have access to a nuclear weapon.

Support Continued Foreign Assistance To Israel

Israel is a beacon of democracy and individual liberty in a region controlled by irrational dictators. As the United States seeks to protect peace and fight for democracy across the globe, we must stand with Israel. First and foremost, that means supporting Israel's legitimacy and its right to defend itself against the serious threats it faces. It also means supporting our critical ally and ensuring that the rest of the world knows exactly where we stand: side-by-side with Israel.

Support Peace Negotiations

A two-state solution that allows Israelis to live peacefully and ensures Palestine is demilitarized is the best path to stability and peace. Our goal must mean an end to the incitement of violence and stopping Hamas and other terrorist groups. I support bilateral, direct negotiations, because that is the best way to ensure lasting peace between the two states in a region that has already seen too much violence and instability.

Stand Firm Against the BDS Movement

Enemies and evil-doers in the world have attempted to destroy Israel since its founding. Standing with Israel means standing firm against those who seek to do harm to the nation, and so we must call the BDS movement out for what it is: an attempt to delegitimize Israel. We have to push back against the boycott of Israel.

Within our country, I have been deeply troubled by the rise of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism in the Democratic Party, which is now functionally controlled by "The Squad." I will not be shy about calling out these hateful remarks and the sentiments behind them. Standing with Israel means standing with it on the world's stage and also here at home. That's exactly what I will do.