

Israel

SEN. LOEFFLER'S POSITION:

- Israel is our closest ally, and I am a strong supporter and defender of the U.S.-Israel relationship.
- I fully supported moving the embassy to Jerusalem and as your Senator, I will continue to advocate for it remaining there.
- I have been totally opposed to the Iran Deal that President Obama signed that gave away \$150 billion. Iran is one of America's most serious national security threats, and I was proud that the President got us out of that horrible deal.
- In one of my first acts in the Senate, I co-sponsored a bill supporting the killing of deadly terrorist Qasem Soleimani.

- Georgia has a strong partnership with Israel. Israel is investing in jobs right here in Georgia, and more than 40 Israeli businesses operate in Georgia.
- I support the U.S. commitment to provide defense aid to Israel, as well as legislation that reaffirms the U.S.-Israel partnership, and Israel's right to defend itself.
- Israel is a critical ally in the war on terrorism. Israel's enemies are our enemies. Hezbollah, Hamas, and Iran all want to destroy Israel. And they all want to destroy America as well. Israel provides us with valuable intelligence against radical Islamic terror.
- Israel has also showed us the importance of having a secure border. After Israel built its border fence, at a very affordable cost, it cut illegal border crossings by 99%.

- It's disappointing to see open anti-Semitism from radicals in congress like Congresswomen Talib and Omar. These anti-Semites are saying that the only reason people support Israel is because of 'Jewish money' and calling to boycott the one Jewish state in the world. That is completely unacceptable and disgusting.

- I will always defend Israel and support the strong relationship we enjoy with our closest ally.

KEY FACTS:

- Georgia and Israel have an economic partnership with more than 40 Israeli businesses operating in Georgia
<https://atlantajewishtimes.timesofisrael.com/israel-georgia-sign-tech-rd-partnership/>
- Israel's border wall cut illegal immigration by 99% and cost \$2.9 million per mile

<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2017/feb/13/ron-johnson/border-fence-israel-cut-illegal-immigration-99-per/>

- The House approved a resolution Thursday to condemn "anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, racism and other forms of bigotry" in a move that Democrats hope will quell the latest uproar over Rep. Ilhan Omar's criticism of Israel. "For many lawmakers, her comments played off the "dual loyalty" accusations that have been used to harass and persecute Jews throughout history. This time, Omar refused to apologize for her remarks, and a number of prominent Democrats came to her defense, including fellow freshman Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York. It served to expose a generational rift inside the Democratic Caucus, with younger, liberal Democrats willing to criticize Israel and U.S. foreign policy in a way that older, long-serving Democrats generally oppose."

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- <https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/npr/2019/03/08/701074291/house-votes-to-condemn-anti-semitism-after-rep-omars-comments/>

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