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As a mayor and member of the Georgia General Assembly, I have stood up for the rights of Jewish Georgians and I have defied anti-Semitic threats and taunts. As a member of Congress – I would be Georgia’s first Jewish Republican in the delegation – I will continue to be a champion for the needs of Israel. I support America’s commitment to Israel not only because it’s a beacon of democracy surrounded by authoritarian regimes, but also because of Israel’s steadfast friendship to our country.

My personal experiences as a Jewish elected official in Georgia over the past 30 years have prepared me for this fight. I know the irrational hatred that Israel faces because I’ve faced much of it as well. I was a founding member of Temple Beth David in Snellville, which suffered numerous anti-Semitic, violent threats through the years.

When I became mayor of Loganville in the mid-1980s, we were the first and only Jewish family in the city. The KKK protested on our city’s streets, armed to the hilt. They delivered the KKK newspaper “Thunderbolt” to my yard regularly and even placed a wooden cross on my lawn. I received hate-filled letters telling me to get out of town and one even threatened to kidnap my son; I took my son out-of-town while law enforcement investigated. The local sheriff, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Anti-Defamation League were all involved. Each council meeting was packed with protesters. They attempted a recall election, but I beat them back and then went on to win re-election twice more as mayor.

As a young mother, I was terrified by these events, but I persevered amid intimidation. There’s nothing that the anti-Israel forces in Congress can do to me that’s worse than anything I’ve already survived. These experiences have given me a strong will, fierce determination and the courage to withstand adversity because I suffered anti-Semitism firsthand on a daily basis.

As a state legislator, I have a proven record on the issues that are important to AIPAC. I have sponsored and co-sponsored pro-Israel resolutions, voted for Georgia to invest in Israel, attended memorial events and received honors from various synagogues for issues related to social services and the fight against human trafficking. I have been a member of the Jewish elected officials organization affiliated with NCSL and I’ve been a Republican member of the National Association of Jewish Legislators since its inception.

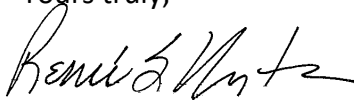
In Congress, my faith and experience will drive my commitment to protect America’s relationship with Israel. In Washington, I will:



- **Oppose the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.** America must stand strong against growing efforts to use economic measures against Israel through the BDS campaign. We must forcefully speak up and speak out against any efforts to normalize this campaign to prevent this cancer from growing.
- **Support our alliance with Israel through foreign aid and military cooperation.** Israel is our nation's most important ally in the Middle East, and its success and survival against hostile enemies in the region is critical to America's national defense. I will fight for full security assistance (\$3.3 billion) for Israel to ensure it keeps its defenses strong against those whose goal is nothing short of total destruction.
- **Oppose Iranian aggression and the terrorist networks it fosters.** Iran is a world security threat that must be contained. I will support all efforts to economically starve the Iranian regime so that it is unable to continue to financially support and arm terror groups such as Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad. In addition, I support President Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Iran Nuclear Deal. We must have the resolve to NEVER allow Iran to have nuclear weapons.
- **Oppose Palestinian acts of terror against the people of Israel.** Israel has a right to self-defense against an increasingly aggressive Palestinian government through its proxies. I strongly support American military cooperation with Israel on its missile defense programs as well as other security measures to protect innocent lives against Palestinian terror.
- **Support two-party negotiations toward resolving Israeli-Palestinian conflict.** I support direct talks between Israelis and Palestinians, not demands from international organizations, in seeking a peaceful coexistence. Further, I support cooperative efforts like a Partnership Fund for Peace to foster economic cooperation and peaceful coexistence.

With my personal experiences as a Jewish elected official, with my long record of success as a legislator and with my proven support for Israel, I am ready to get to work in Washington on the issues important to us both. I would greatly appreciate the support of your organization in this campaign.

Yours truly,



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