

A Call to Renew America's Relationship With Israel

For me, the relationship we have with Israel is driven from personal conviction over any political agenda. Previous Administrations have utilized an unprincipled approach to American foreign policy causing much distress, especially as we navigate a world that grows more dangerous every day. The most tragic casualty of this misguided foreign policy has been our critical alliance with Israel. A historic and special commitment to peace, prosperity, and democracy united our two nations and it was essential that President Trump take the necessary steps to immediately mend this unique and essential relationship with strong measures such as moving our embassy to Jerusalem, ending the dangerous Iranian nuclear deal, and taking steps such as the elimination of General Soleimani to ensure that American strength is respected once again.

Together, the United States and Israel continue to face growing threats from across the Middle East, as well as, unforeseen asymmetric threats that multiply constantly. President Trump realized what President Obama did not: that when the United States stands with its ally Israel, both of our nations are stronger and safer in the face of such threats.

Trade

The United States and Israel have shared a robust trade agreement which has proven beneficial for both nations.


New Mexico has cultivated a unique relationship with Israel and through this relationship, since 1996, Israel is New Mexico's second largest trade partner in goods. In Congress, I will support policies that continue this productive relationship.

The Pursuit of Peace and Security

The United States and Israel have a longstanding and important shared commitment to achieving lasting peace. Throughout history, Israel has been at the forefront of negotiations with neighboring nations, and has consistently set a strong example of seeking diplomatic solutions for pressing international issues. Despite being under near-constant attack since 1948, Israel has consistently demonstrated dedication to seeking peace, participating in peace talks at Camp David in 1978, at the Madrid Conference in 1991, at the Oslo Accords in 1993 and 1995, and in direct negotiations with Palestine as recently as 2014. Israel's commitment to diplomacy sets an example for the rest of the world, and the United States has been an important partner in that pursuit.

Now, it is more important than ever that the United States reaffirm our commitment to our ally and stand with Israel in the pursuit of peace, as we have done in past decades. It is in the best interest of not just Israel and the United States, but also of the people of the Middle East. President Reagan's foreign policy proved that peace is achieved through security and strength, and when the United States is at the forefront of this pursuit, the world is much a safer place. Working with our ally Israel in this pursuit will only further fortify that truth.

A Partnership to Eliminate Terror



The threat represented by terror organizations throughout the world is nothing less than a continued existential threat to any chance of achieving stability in the world's most volatile region. After ISIS and ISIS-inspired attacks both at home and abroad, it has become clear that enabling any terrorist network to spread comes at a deadly cost. Terrorism must not be allowed to thrive under any circumstances. And yet, thanks to President Obama's weak foreign policy, terror was able to secure a caliphate in the heart of the Middle East. Thankfully, President Trump's policy of strength has resulted in the hamstringing of ISIS and the reduction of Iranian influence in the region.

The critical partnership between the United States and Israel cannot be overstated in confronting this growing threat. We cannot afford to let it be misunderstood by our leaders any longer. We must eliminate the scourge of terror in all corners of the earth and end the threat it poses to the United States and all other peaceful nations. This cannot be done without restoring a strong partnership with Israel. Israel is a uniquely helpful ally in our fight against international terrorism, and our nations share a strong interest in halting terror from expanding its horrific sphere of influence. We must let there be no doubt that we stand with the region's only democracy against the tyranny and belligerency of terrorism.

The Values of Democracy

Israel's values are closely aligned with those of the United States. As grotesque human rights violations and barbarianism fill the news every day and the values of freedom and democracy are constantly under attack, it is absolutely essential that we strengthen our commitment to those shared values by fortifying our commitment to Israel. America and Israel have both stood alone against the darkness of tyranny and terrorism time and time again throughout history. Our legacies tell a common story about the how the values of democracy are tethered to both security and prosperity. If we are unwilling to champion those values by affirming them alongside our closest ally in the Middle East, darker times are surely ahead.

Americans know that by respecting human rights, empowering people rather than tyrants, and advocating for free enterprise, we can encourage the spread of democracy around the world. Israel knows this as well, and together, our nations will create a more democratic—and thus, more prosperous and more secure—future.

Now, More Than Ever

The dangers of our time are unprecedented. Now, more than ever, the United States has a strong interest in allying itself with nations whose values most closely align with our own. The partnership between the United States and Israel has played a pivotal role in the history of both of our nations. As a Member of Congress, I will actively and assertively pursue legislative goals that will make one thing absolutely clear: the world is a safer and stronger place when the United States and Israel stand together. In perilous times, our nations must not settle for anything less.