



The following public statements of opposition to unilateral West Bank annexation were provided to J Street by leading candidates for US Senate:

Cal Cunningham (NC) “The US and Israel have a special and unique relationship, which makes it especially important for us to hold each other accountable to our shared values and goals. Unilateral action by Israel to annex land in the West Bank would deal a significant blow to our shared goal of a two-state solution, and could damage long-standing relationships that are key to security. Unilateral action, by any party, could set the region back and foreclose the opportunity to achieve the long-term peace that is key to the prosperity, security and freedom of Israelis and Palestinians.”

Sara Gideon (ME) “Unilateral annexation by the Israeli government is a dangerous step that threatens the security of Israel and its neighbors, and puts the goal of a two-state solution at risk. As Israel's closest friend and ally, the United States should speak out against this plan and work with the Israeli government to foster the circumstances necessary for a stable and enduring peace that protects the human rights of Israelis and Palestinians.”

Theresa Greenfield (IA) “As a strong supporter of Israel and the mother of a son in the U.S. Army, I am strongly in favor of a two-state solution that would provide peace and security for Israelis and Palestinians, and promote stability throughout the region. I cannot support one-sided efforts to annex the West Bank that will only set us back from this critical goal.”

Al Gross (AK) “I will strongly oppose any measures that would undermine the path toward two states on either side of the conflict. This includes steps on the Israeli side such as annexation of land, increased settlement activity, or severance of aid to the Palestinian Authority...Further, the formal annexation of the West Bank would be a catastrophic step that would not only jeopardize the two-state solution, but Israel’s very identity as the Democratic homeland of the Jewish people. Annexation is nothing short of an existential threat to Israel as we know it. As a reliable friend of Israel, I will not shrink from saying so.”

Jaime Harrison (SC) “I support a two-state solution and oppose any actions that threaten long-term peace. These events have marked yet another worrisome escalation and exemplify the threat that annexation poses to regional stability.”

MJ Hegar (TX) “In order to ensure a stable national security environment for the United States and our allies, we need to be actively pursuing peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Any action by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his allies to unilaterally annex land in the West Bank will destabilize security in the region and irreparably damage the possibility of peace.”

John Hickenlooper (CO) “The two-state solution remains the best way to achieve long term peace and stability for both Israelis and Palestinians. I oppose unilateral actions that move us away from this goal, including annexation of the West Bank. In the Senate, I will continue to



advocate for advancing Israel's security and stability and work with J Street towards achieving lasting peace in the region."

Amy McGrath (KY) "In my career, I have personally been a part of the close military and intelligence collaboration and bond between the U.S. and Israel. The survival and security of Israel are in the United States' interest, and a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is fundamental to Israel's security.

I oppose any unilateral actions that obstruct the path toward two states on either side of the conflict. I disagree with the decision to unilaterally annex land in the West Bank by July 2020. This is not a wise "diplomatic step" but rather an action that could permanently prevent the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel."

Jon Ossoff (GA) "Unilateral Israeli annexation of territory in the West Bank undermines efforts to achieve a two state solution. A sustainable and humane resolution of conflict can only be achieved by diplomacy. Annexation would represent an abandonment of the peace process established in Oslo in 1993, and it would confirm the failure of contemporary Israeli and Palestinian political leaders to resolve these disputes diplomatically. It is clearer year by year that a new generation of Israeli and Palestinian leaders must emerge to chart a course that will ensure freedom, security, peace, and prosperity for all inhabitants of the region."