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**1). Do you believe there is a concerning rise of antisemitism on the [Right or Left], including in your own party? How do you propose to address this issue?**

**Antisemitism is reprehensible, no matter what political party it comes from — and it's alarmingly clear that anti-Semitic behavior is on the rise. There is something deeply wrong when a sitting President feels emboldened to call torch-bearing neo-Nazis "very fine people" after seeing them chant "Jews will not replace us."**

**We are seeing the consequences of this right here in Georgia. Marjorie Taylor Greene, the Republican candidate running for Congress in GA-14, peddled very disturbing anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, such as the claim that George Soros betrayed other Jews during the Holocaust. And in my campaign, my opponent Rich McCormick has spread conspiracies of his own, suggesting that the philanthropist was paying \$20 million to Black Lives Matter protesters in order to incite violence.**

**This violent, shameful rhetoric cannot be tolerated — at home or in the halls of Congress. In Congress, I'll ensure federal agencies investigate white supremacist organizations and anti-Semitic violence with the thoroughness it deserves.**

**2). Do you think a two-state solution will facilitate peace between Israelis and Palestinians? If so, what are the basic parameters? If not a two-state solution, what do you suggest? What do you agree or disagree with about the Trump peace plan?**

**I reaffirm the position of the United States over the last four presidential administrations that a just and lasting peace will be best brought about by a two-state solution with a capital in Jerusalem for both states. Only good-faith and sincere negotiations from both sides can bring this about, and ultimately, the Israeli and the Palestinian people have to find their own way to a resolution.**

**In order to maintain peace, the Palestinians and Israelis must acknowledge the legitimate right of the other State to exist.**

**The United States should not put itself in the position of undermining the long-term resolution of this conflict through needlessly provocative and partial actions such as the Trump administration's recent initiative to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. Unlike the current administration, I would be open in my opposition of Israeli settlements in the West Bank. This makes a peaceful resolution more difficult, ultimately undermining Israel's long-term security and coexistence with a future Palestinian state. The United States and other benevolent nations and international non-governmental organizations can help to lay the groundwork for an eventual solution, and we should encourage constructive attempts in this endeavor.**

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**3). Why would you re-enter or stay out of the JCPOA with Iran? If re-enter, under what conditions or changes? How should the United States deal with the Iranian government on an ongoing basis? Should the U.S. military maintain a presence in the Middle East?**

**I believe that Iran's efforts to acquire nuclear weapons present an existential threat to Israel and undermines peace and stability in the region and in the world. Further, the Iranian Regime is the world's largest state supporter of terrorism, exporting violence through organizations like Hezbollah and Hamas and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. These organizations have been involved in direct action against U.S. forces in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria. They have engaged in direct action against Israel from southern Lebanon, Gaza, and the West Bank. Iran refuses to accept Israel's right to exist, and Iran's former President and military generals have called for Israel to be "wiped off the map."**

**I am committed to ensuring Iran cannot acquire nuclear weapons. I believe that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) provides the best opportunity for that shared U.S./Israeli/wider-Middle East vision. The U.S. Department of State, even under the Trump administration, certified Iranian compliance every quarter until the President, for political reasons that endanger both U.S. and Israeli security, decided to pull out of an agreement supported by the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, Germany, and the European Union.**

**Re-entry into the JCPOA, where the U.S. voice can be heard, with improvements that can be made where necessary, and a united front against possible Iranian backsliding is maintained, is the best means to achieve a diplomatic solution.**

**4). Should the U.S. increase, maintain or decrease the amount of foreign aid to Israel and other countries in the Middle East? Should the U.S. condition its aid for specific results? What does the U.S. benefit from its relationship with Israel?**

**I support Israel's right to self-defense, and believe that Israelis, like citizens of all countries, have the right to live in safety and peace, free from terrorist threats and attacks. Maintaining an allyship with Israel is essential to achieving long-term peace in the Middle East. Israel is the standard-bearer for Democracy in the region and is a vital scientific and trading partner for the United States.**

**In that vein, I recognize and support Israel's effort to maintain a qualitative military edge (QME) in the region, and I recognize that U.S. security assistance to Israel is a critical part of this equation. As such, I support continued funding for the Iron Dome Missile Defense System, which has saved Israeli lives, as well as continued foreign military aid to Israel to ensure maintenance of the QME. I am committed to honoring**

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**the language and intent of the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on military assistance negotiated between the Obama Administration and the government of Israel.**

**I additionally support foreign aid to the Palestinian Authority which enables state-building activities, has fostered cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian security officials in the West Bank, and supports the stability and security of the Palestinian people. I also support the resumption of humanitarian aid and other forms of economic assistance to the Palestinian Authorities as well as to the United Nations agencies that serve Palestinian refugees. I also recognize and support measures that prohibit the use of US aid for payments to terrorists and their families.**