

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 11, 2011

Join Fellow Republican Freshman in Supporting Israel

Dear Colleague,

As new Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, we strongly support the American people's call to reduce government spending and bring our national debt under control. To live within our means, we must do a better job of prioritizing appropriations.

A top priority of ours will always be ensuring the safety and security of our great nation. Central to this belief is our recognition that the national security of the United States is directly tied to the strength and security of the State of Israel. In recent weeks, we have all witnessed a succession of mass protests and turmoil in many Middle East nations. This regional upheaval, most clearly on display in Egypt, underscores the importance of Israel as the preeminent, stable democracy in the Middle East and America's strongest democratic ally in the region.

As Israel faces threats from escalating instability in Egypt, Hezbollah rockets in Lebanon, Hamas terrorists in Gaza and the existential danger posed by Iran's nuclear program, full U.S. security assistance to Israel, including supporting Israel's acquisition of the Iron Dome rocket defense system, has never been more important for our own national security interests.

In these critical times, we ask you to join us in sending a letter to our leadership to say that we recognize the importance of securing full military assistance to our key ally, Israel. These measures will ensure that Israel maintains her qualitative military edge in a dangerous region of the world that is central to the United States' own national security interests.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign this letter, please contact David Stern at 5-4181 or david.stern@mail.house.gov by C.O.B. Monday, February 14.

Sincerely,



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