



## **Position Paper: A Viable Path for Economic Prosperity and Long-term Peace**

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This position paper, both in content and in spirit, represents my personal views on what must always be the unbreakable bond between the United States and Israel. It also represents the position I plan to take with me to Washington if I am fortunate enough to become the Representative from New Jersey's 5th Congressional District following the 2020 general election.

I am an ardent supporter of the State of Israel and firmly believe our two countries share not only a bond of friendship, but also one of common political beliefs, including an allegiance to our democratic processes. These encompass the rights to free speech, to freely practice one's faith and revere the rights of others to practice theirs, and to protect our families and loved ones. Americans and Israelis believe all citizens are entitled to enjoy the right and the opportunity to pursue their dreams. These principles form the bedrock of who Americans and Israelis are and what our people and our nations believe in.

Israel, the home of the Jewish people for more than 3,000 years, was founded with courage and determination against enormous odds and stands as an inspiration to people around the world who value freedom, perseverance, and human dignity.

As our most important ally in a region of the world fraught with conflict and war, Israel has always been and will remain a key partner in the global war against Islamist jihadism. As a Congressman, I will work to ensure that the military relationship the US enjoys with the State of Israel remains strong and continues to expand and flourish.

Israel is a strategic ally of the United States, and our relations with Israel strengthen our presence in the Middle East. Anyone who truly understands that region of the world will also understand that the military foothold Israel offers us, more than justifies the military aid that the United States grants the Jewish state. I also endorse and applaud the new peace treaties that Israel and the UAE and Bahrain have recently signed. These agreements give all of us hope that a new day in the Middle East is fast upon us; one that more Arab nations will soon embrace.

It is no surprise that Americans from nearly all walks of life enjoy and support a remarkably close friendship with Israel from a cultural, religious, moral, and political standpoint. Unlike other countries which rely on the United States to provide monetary and military defense, Israel, which votes with the United States in the United Nations far more than any other country in the world, has always defended herself, asking only for military equipment assistance and diplomatic support to do so. Israel does not ask for, nor does it require, U.S. troops within its borders for



protection or defense, but it will be my position to offer troops in the unlikely event a threat to their sovereignty, safety, or independence should arise.

Any administration that I, as a Congressman, will support, will see to it that Israel receives full and unwavering military cooperation from the United States. Our countries share a mutually beneficial relationship which will continue to grow stronger with open lines of communication and the free exchange of ideas and principles. As is always the case, the greatest relationships are effectively a “two-way street” where all sides benefit from what each country brings to the table. The United States and Israel exemplify the very heart and soul of that relationship.

It is also my firm belief that the United States should stand in defiance of any United Nations position or vote that suggests it is singling out Israel’s right to protect itself and defend its freedom – religious, political or otherwise. I passionately believe that we should work tirelessly to oppose any efforts by the United Nations or any other entity to impose trade or product sanctions on Israel that would impede the Jewish state’s ability to trade freely. I will stand in defiance of any rule or decree that would impose discriminatory sanctions or boycotts against Israel or impose special labeling requirements on Israeli products or goods.

Under the false pretense of “global economic fairness” or “human rights,” the BDS (Boycott, Divestiture, Sanctions) movement offers neither. BDS was specifically designed to target Israel for the sole purpose of isolating her from the global commerce and economic world stage and destroying the Jewish state’s ability to survive. In that it singles out Israel for treatment that is not accorded to any other country in the world, the BDS movement is nothing more than blatant antisemitism, and I will always oppose it.

As a corollary, I will work to ensure that college and university campuses and learning institutions of all kinds do not support or protect groups or individuals who seek to coerce or bully students or anyone who supports Israel or the Jewish people. I, therefore, support President Donald Trump’s 2019 Executive Order extending Title IX protections to Jewish students on campus. As a Congressman, I will work to render that Executive Order into established U.S. law.

While in theory, negotiations towards the so-called “two-state solution” between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs would create the appearance of two sides working together for a common and united goal, to date, this could not be further from reality. Until the Palestinians’ leadership is willing to recognize Israel as the Jewish state, relinquish the Arabs’ so-called “right of return” (which demands that all Arabs who fled the area in 1948 and their millions of descendants have the right to come back to live in Israel proper, thus ending any possibility of a Jewish state), and agree that once an agreement is signed it will mark the end of the conflict, the notion of a two-state solution will remain a fallacy lodged in the minds of anti-Israel policy “wonks”.



Palestinian leadership is fundamentally split between divisions in Gaza and the West Bank, with the former controlled by Hamas, a US-designated terrorist organization whose main goal is the annihilation of Israel, and the latter controlled by the Palestinian Authority (PA) which is in constant violation of the American law known as the Taylor Force Act. Named for a 29-year-old American military veteran who was fatally stabbed by a Palestinian while visiting Israel in 2016, the Taylor Force Act, which I support, stipulates an end to American economic aid to the Palestinians until the PA stops paying stipends to terrorists who have been tried and sentenced to prison, their families, and the families of terrorists who have been killed by Israeli forces.

In Congress, I will support the effort to assist the Israelis and the Palestinians to reach a comprehensive and lasting peace, to be freely and fairly negotiated between those living in the region. I will oppose any efforts to coerce Israel into making concessions that its leaders believe are dangerous and will put the lives of Israeli citizens at risk.

Generations of Palestinians have been raised and educated to know only hatred of Israel and the Jewish people. The media—television, radio, newspapers, and popular programs—all strictly controlled by the PA and Hamas, make certain that no other messages reach the Palestinians. These lessons of hate and antisemitism have been inculcated into the daily lives of toddlers, children, teenagers, and adults, making change nearly impossible.

Until Hamas and Fatah (the Palestinian political party that runs the PA) stop encouraging antisemitism and effectively rewarding their people for engaging in that type of behavior, I cannot and will not support the creation of a Palestinian state in which terrorism is incentivized and celebrated by governing authorities and that discriminates based on religion.

I believe the U.S. should support negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians without preconditions. Solutions imposed on Israel by outside parties, including by the United Nations Security Council, must be opposed. I fully support Israel's right to defend itself against all forms of attacks including, but not limited to, assaults on their people, their culture, their economy, and their right to live peacefully.

Israel's maintenance of defensible borders that preserve peace and promote stability in the region is a necessity. Pressure should never be put on Israel to withdraw to borders that make attacks and conflict more likely. The only ones who can decide what if any withdrawals are possible are the Israelis themselves through their democratically elected government leaders.

I have always recognized Jerusalem as the "undivided capital" of the Jewish State and am thankful that President Trump did what so many other Presidents—Democrats and Republicans—only talked about. He moved the United States Embassy to Jerusalem. In Congress, I will do everything in my power to ensure that recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel remains the position of the American government.



Recently, the U.S State Department once again designated Iran as the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, recognizing it as a country that continues to put the world at risk. I support President Trump's action to withdraw the United States from the Iran nuclear deal, a terribly one-sided arrangement that released to Iran, \$150 billion and then another \$1.8 billion in cash. Not only did that deal do nothing to end Iran's nuclear-weapons program, but it also virtually guaranteed Iran would have nuclear weapons within ten years.

Terrorist groups, including Hamas and Hezbollah, look to Iran for support, both financially and politically. Until Iran's leaders relinquish their relentless desire to impose their hatred and disdain for the Jewish people and all those who don't share the Islamic Republic's beliefs, any dialogue for peace between Iran and the United States will be futile. The U.S. must continue to stand in solidarity with Israel – and most of the world - against Iran and its leaders' desire to acquire a nuclear weapon and related capabilities.

The pro-Israel community, Jewish and Gentile, can rest assured that, if elected, I plan to employ my 30+ years of private-sector experience to push forward an agenda that will promote and encourage our relationship with Israel. A strong and independent Jewish State is synonymous with a safer world and a more secure Middle East.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "FRANK". The letters are stylized and slanted to the right.

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