



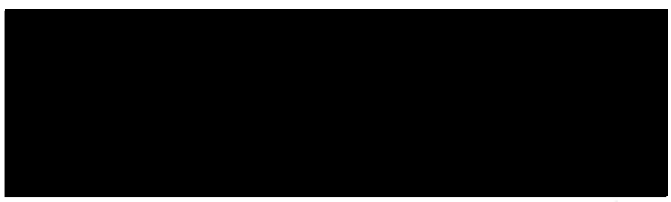
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**Important Maps Highlighting
Threats to Israel's Security**



Dear Friend,

Can you imagine a world without Israel?

Today, as Iran defies the international community with the new ballistic missile tests and increased financing for terror groups...as Hamas rebuilds terror tunnels to kidnap and attack Israelis...and as Hezbollah amasses 150,000 rockets on Israel's border...we can never forget how real the threats are to the Jewish state's very existence.

Nor can we forget the importance of America's role as Israel's principal ally.

That is why I am asking pro-Israel Americans like you to join the American Israel Public Affairs Committee today. In anticipation of your response, I have enclosed an important letter to your members of Congress to sign and return to us.

For more than 60 years, AIPAC has strived to make America and Israel more secure by ensuring the relationship between the two nations remains strong.

Since its founding in the 1950s, AIPAC has grown into a 100,000-member strong grassroots movement described by *The New York Times* as "the most important organization affecting America's relationship with Israel."

As America's leading pro-Israel lobby, AIPAC has worked with Congress and the executive branch to garner critical support for Israel. AIPAC members have helped:

- Secure vital security assistance for Israel (from the very first aid package of \$65 million in 1951 to \$3.1 billion in 2016) to ensure Israel remains capable of facing increased threats.
- Support Israel's right to self-defense through resolutions that help Israel protect its citizens from terrorist attacks.
- Enhance U.S.-Israel security cooperation through congressional legislation that strengthens U.S.-Israel cooperation in fields such as missile defense, homeland security, intelligence, cyber-security and many others.

Today, both Democrats and Republicans in Congress rank AIPAC as one of the most effective foreign policy advocacy groups in the country.

We have been successful because Americans like you — who are concerned about Israel and her security — have offered their support for our efforts.

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And as the threats on the enclosed maps illustrate, your support at this moment has never been more important.

1. Start with Gaza Strip, where Hamas and other terrorists continue to re-arm weapons caches and rebuild terror tunnels. Israeli military officials estimate that Hamas is digging six miles of tunnels each month toward Israel, and actively diverts cement and lumber intended for civilian construction to fortify its tunnels.
2. In Lebanon, Hezbollah has amassed a vast military infrastructure which includes more than 150,000 rockets and missiles. Aerial photographs show that the Iranian-backed terrorist organization — which has killed more Americans than any group other than al-Qaeda — has embedded much of its artillery within civilian towns, buffered by human shields.
3. In Iraq and Syria, militant groups such as ISIS control vast territory and carry out atrocities, inciting further anti-Israel and anti-American extremism. These groups are organizing and inspiring terrorism beyond the Middle East, with deadly attacks in Orlando, San Bernardino, Paris, Nice, Belgium and more.
4. In Iran, the country's radical leaders continue to propagate extremism. Since the nuclear agreement last summer, Iran has test fired long-range missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads, illegally detained ten U.S. sailors, and stepped up its support for terrorism, raising concerns that Tehran will further destabilize the region with as much as \$150 billion in sanctions relief.

In addition to these dangers, those concerned about Israel's security are also no doubt troubled by the deadly wave of Palestinian terrorism, which in recent months has killed dozens of innocent civilians and wounded more than 300 others in attacks on Israel's streets.

While many countries around the world have sat silently, or even blamed Israel as the Jewish state faces these dangers, America has stood strongly and consistently by Israel's side.

That is no accident. It is the result of the relentless advocacy of more than 100,000 pro-Israel Americans, people like you who are standing together through AIPAC, working with our nation's leaders to produce tangible results that help the United States and Israel year after year.

- **2015 — Protecting Israel From BDS**
AIPAC worked with Congress in support of a trade provision that pushes back against actions by foreign governments to boycott, divest from and sanction Israel, by requiring U.S. negotiators to raise objections to Israel boycotts during EU trade negotiations.
- **2014 — Securing Funding for Iron Dome**
When terrorists in Gaza fired 4,500 rockets at Israel the summer of 2014, AIPAC worked with Congress to secure an emergency \$225 million for the Iron Dome missile defense shield. This funding complements \$350 million in regular Iron Dome funding and \$3.1 billion in security assistance to Israel approved by Congress in 2014.

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- **2010 — Overwhelmingly Passing Iran Sanctions Legislation**
Congress passed landmark legislation that limited Iran's ability to import refined petroleum and participate in the international banking system, raising the price that Iran pays for its illicit nuclear activities. AIPAC activists strongly advocated for the bill.
- **2008 — Securing Critical Foreign Aid to Israel**
AIPAC worked closely with Congress to help ensure passage of increased security assistance for Israel. The \$2.55 billion aid for FY 2009 was the first year of a 10-year agreement to help Israel maintain its qualitative military edge over adversaries that threaten the Jewish state and U.S. interests in the region.
- **2006 — Backing Israel's Right to Self-Defense**
After Hezbollah and Hamas launched unprovoked strikes on Israel, Congress overwhelmingly passed resolutions condemning the terrorists and backed Israel's right to self-defense. Our work helped ensure passage of these resolutions.
- **1996 — Joining Israel's Fight Against Terror**
When a series of Hamas bus bombings and Syrian rocket attacks killed 65 Israelis and forced Israel to spend millions on added security, AIPAC urged Congress to act. Lawmakers responded by passing a bill providing Israel with \$100 million in anti-terror assistance.
- **1985 — U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement**
AIPAC worked for the passage of this agreement — the first between the United States and any nation — which resulted in a doubling of U.S.-Israel trade.
- **1973 — Emergency Airlift to Israel**
In the wake of the devastating Yom Kippur War, AIPAC's efforts helped secure support for aid to Israel from 269 representatives and 70 senators, even as threats loomed of an Arab oil embargo against the Jewish state's allies.
- **1968 — Arms for Deterrence**
As Arab arms purchases soared, AIPAC worked with congressional leaders to pass legislation urging President Lyndon Johnson to sell fighter jets to Israel — the first sale of U.S. arms to Israel for deterrence.
- **1951 — The First Aid Package to Israel**
AIPAC's lobbying and informational efforts were crucial to Congress' approval of the first package of U.S. aid to Israel — \$65 million, which helped the Jewish state absorb Holocaust survivors and Jewish refugees expelled from Arab nations.

This important work demonstrates how every gift you make to AIPAC can reap benefits far beyond the value of your contribution alone...and how every dollar you give helps ensure that America stands by Israel with billions of dollars in security assistance and priceless diplomatic support.

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But as the U.S. and Israel continue to face increased threats, we need more help to ensure the critical U.S.-Israel relationship remains strong in the weeks and months ahead.

So whether you love Israel for its principles of freedom and democracy...or if you take comfort knowing that the world's Jews will always have a safe home...or you share the bipartisan view that the United States needs a strong Middle East ally, your membership with AIPAC today can make a tangible difference.

Plus, when you join AIPAC, you receive many benefits as well, including:

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There is a direct correlation between your support of AIPAC and the strength and depth of America's relationship with Israel. It's that simple. And it's that important. Please help today.

Sincerely,



Brian Shankman
Director of Regional Affairs and Development

P.S. The enclosed maps only tell the story of Israel's past and present. But you can help Israel write its future — a story of peace and security. I hope you will help our grassroots advocacy efforts to ensure a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. Please sign the enclosed letters to your members of Congress and send them back along with your membership contribution. Thank you.



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- YES!** I have signed the enclosed letters to my representatives in Washington, D.C.
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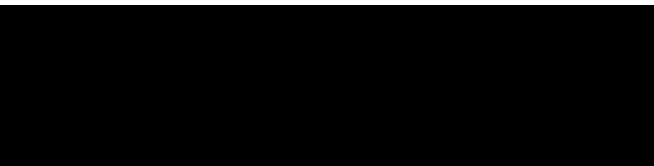
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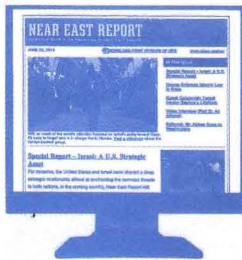
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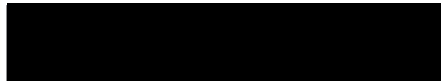
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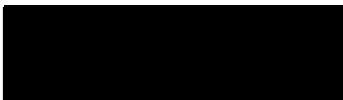
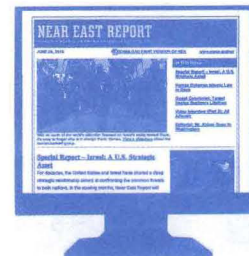
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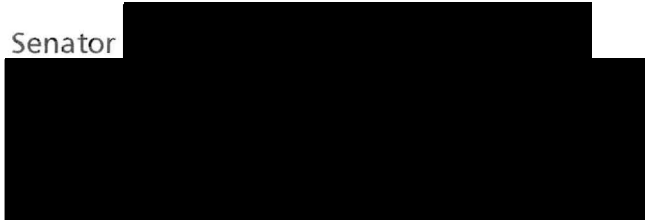
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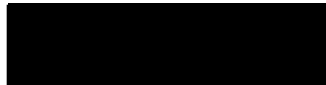
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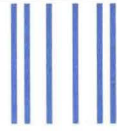


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