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Dear Friends:

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office.

I share your concern over the need to continue assistance to Israel, our most stable and valuable ally in the Middle East. Despite recent strains in relation between Washington and Tel Aviv, it is imperative that our two nations continue to pursue common goals in a spirit of cooperation.

The Middle East has played and will continue to play an important role in the security interests of the United States. The continued instability of this region serves to highlight the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship. The influx of terrorists organizations such as the Palestinian Liberation Organization into the Middle East has only exacerbated the current destabilized situation. In addition, the fierce fighting in the Iran-Iraq war points to the volatile character of the region.

In the midst of this hostile environment, Israel has offered the use of military bases as well as storage facilities for the American Rapid Deployment Force, an important facet in U.S. security planning. It is important to the strategic interest of both the United States and Israel that this cooperation continue. I have had the opportunity to personally visit with members of the Israeli government, including Prime Minister Begin. During the course of our discussions, I have continually emphasized the importance of this security relationship. We cannot forsake our commitment to Israel, a democracy which faces constant adversity.

As a member of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over foreign assistance, please be assured of my continued support for Israel.

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I appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns.

Sincerely,



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