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The Honorable Howard Berman  
Chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Berman:

We write to thank you for including a number of important pro-Israel provisions in H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011.

The bill, marked-up a few weeks ago, contains several provisions which both recognize and help Israel overcome many of the challenges it faces as it works to defend itself against an increasing array of sophisticated threats. As Israel's enemies enhance their capabilities and Iran continues to make progress toward acquiring a nuclear weapons capability, the bill's reaffirmation of America's commitment to maintaining Israel's Qualitative Military Edge (QME) and a process to ensure its continuation is vital. Likewise, extension and expansion of the War Reserve Stockpile in Israel and streamlining the process through which Israel purchases military equipment strengthens American support for Israel's ability to defend itself. We also greatly appreciate authorization of \$25 million to Israel for refugee absorption.

These important provisions in the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 will strengthen Israel's self-defense capabilities and reinforce the U.S.-Israel alliance. We applaud your ongoing leadership for including these measures in this important piece of legislation and for your many other efforts on behalf of a vibrant U.S.-Israel relationship.

Sincerely,

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