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To: Members of the United States Congress
Members and Supporters of AIPAC

Re: Concern regarding the linkage between BDS opposition and support of a Palestinian state as mentioned in H. Res 246

We, members of the Israeli Parliament (Knesset), would like to thank you for your continued support of Israel, especially combatting attempts to delegitimize Israel and against the global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (BDS). Israel is grateful to all our wonderful friends in Congress who stand with us on so many fronts.

However, we would like to express to you our concern regarding the anti-BDS resolution (H. Res. 246). We believe it contains a grave error because it expresses, among other things, support for a so-called "Two-State Solution", meaning the establishment of a "Palestinian state" in the heart of the tiny Israel. (Ref. paragraphs 5, 9, and 15)

We would like to make our position clear that the establishment of a Palestinian state would be far more dangerous to Israel than BDS.

Pressure to establish a Palestinian state contradicts President Trump's position, which he has stated many times - that the solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict shall be determined between the parties. It also opposes the position of the Government of Israel and also opposes the position of the majority of the public in Israel. All this is due to the fact that this demand is both unjust, and also severely jeopardizes the security of the State of Israel.

The establishment of an additional Arab (so-called Palestinian) state in the region would severely damage the national security of both Israel and the United States. Such a state would, undoubtedly be a dysfunctional terrorist state, which would distance peace and undermine stability in the Middle East.

As politicians, we understand that these resolutions are accompanied by many compromises along the way in order to reach a language agreed upon by a majority. However, the affirmation of support for establishing a Palestinian state is so dangerous that we respectfully request that you take that into consideration, and in the future avoid determining that establishing an additional Arab state on territory that is the Land of Israel is part of the solution to the dispute.

We would like to reiterate our deepest gratitude for your support for the U.S.-Israel alliance and the security of the State of Israel.

With gratitude and esteem,

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