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Dear Colleague:

Please join us in cosponsoring HR 4229, the ***Iron Dome Support Act of 2012***, which would authorize the President to provide assistance for the procurement, maintenance, and sustainment of additional Iron Dome defense systems.

In recent weeks, Palestinian extremists in the Gaza Strip have escalated their indiscriminate missile barrage against southern Israel. Israel also faces the continued threat of rockets and missiles from Hezbollah in Lebanon. The Israeli Defense Forces report that Iron Dome batteries currently deployed have proven 90% effective in destroying deadly projectiles bound for populated areas.

Iron Dome has proven itself to be a defensive weapon system that saves innocent lives. As a result, it can prevent limited assaults from escalating into full-blown crises, preserving Israel's operational flexibility.

However, the coverage provided by the Iron Dome defense system is woefully inadequate, and Israel requires additional units to protect all of its civilian population.

To add your name as a cosponsor to HR 4229, please contact Mina Garcia (Mina.Garcia@mail.house.gov) with the Democratic staff of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Sincerely,

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