

## **Buerkle Dear Colleague**

### **Rep. Ann Marie Buerkle Seeks Original Cosponsors for Legislation Honoring the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Israel's Independence**

Dear Colleague:

On May 14, 1948, the State of Israel declared its independence. 11 minutes after that declaration, the United States recognized the new nation, despite the fact that she was immediately engaged in a war with all of her neighbors. The United States has continued to support Israel over the past six and a half decades, each of which has been marked by armed conflict. Israel continues to face bellicose neighbors who threaten her very existence, and it is as important as ever that the United States stand with its most important ally in the Middle East.

Given the constant and serious security concerns present in the Middle East, it is critical that America not abandon its most important ally in the struggle to bring the values of free society and democracy to the region. Sadly, the Obama Administration has strained our relationship with Israel. The Administration, backed by Congress and the American people, must reject a weakening of our ties with the Jewish state.

Israel must remain a free and prosperous nation and the United States should provide all support necessary to guarantee her existence. Nurturing a clear and strong relationship with Israel is essential for promoting peace and democracy in the Middle East. Israel is the first line of defense against regimes and groups in the Middle East which would just as soon obliterate America as Israel. Israel's interests are America's interests.

Each year presents new challenges to the State of Israel, and each passing year of independence marks an achievement. On April 26th, 2012 Israel will celebrate its 64th anniversary of independence. All of those years represent a hard-fought struggle to assert the cultural and political sovereignty of the State of Israel. Please affirm your support for Israel by becoming an original cosponsor of a resolution to honor the 64th Anniversary of Israel's statehood. For more information or to become an original cosponsor, please contact Brandon Jackson at [Brandon.Jackson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brandon.Jackson@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

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