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Congressional Letter to Speaker Boehner Supporting His Invitation to PM Netanyahu to Address Congress

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Dear Colleague,

We are inviting you to join a letter to House Speaker Boehner, affirming Congress' support of his invitation to Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu to address both chambers of Congress, and speak on the dangers Iran poses to international security.

The Iranian regime has placed Israel in its crosshairs. Last week, it came to the world's attention that high-level Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps and Hezbollah operatives were setting up launch sites for attacks against Israel in the Golan Heights. And this week, the State of Israel came under attack from within Lebanese territory. Five Kornet anti-tank missiles fired from southern Lebanon struck an IDF military convoy, tragically killing two Israeli soldiers, Cap. Yochai Kalangel and Sgt. Dor Haim Nini, and injuring seven. Mortar shells were then launched from Syria at IDF positions in the Har Dov region and Hermon Mountain, leading to the evacuation of dozens of civilians from the area. Showing that terrorism does not distinguish by ethnicity or creed, a predominantly Arab town in northern Israel - Kfar Ghajar - was struck by mortars as well, damaging a civilian house.

Iran's terrorist proxy, Hezbollah, boasted that its Quneitra Martyrs Brigades carried out the attack. Hezbollah may have carried out last week's attack, but the weapons, the training, and the orders came from Iran. Hezbollah's subservience to the regime in Tehran is well known, making it the tip of the spear of Iran's regional terrorist strategy. In effect, our ally Israel has come under an Iranian attack.

We encourage you to join this letter. To co-sign, please contact David Daoud of my staff at David.Daoud@mail.house.gov or by telephone at [\(202\) 225-4576](tel:(202)225-4576).

Most sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

As Members of Congress, we are writing you to reaffirm our support for Israel, and express our appreciation for your invitation to welcome Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to address both Chambers of Congress.

Two decades ago, on July 10, 1996, Prime Minister Netanyahu delivered his first address to a joint session of Congress, warning of the danger that Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons and sponsorship of terrorism posed to world security. Four years ago, the Prime Minister was here with the same message. Unfortunately his warnings went unheeded, and now - after continuing negotiations have failed to produce tangible results - Iran is closer than ever to obtaining nuclear weapons, while its terrorist proxies are operating unhindered, sowing chaos across the Middle East.

Iran, through many of its terrorist proxies, threatens Israel's safety, holds Lebanon and Yemen hostage to its expansionist designs, has inflamed the civil war in Syria, and has deepened sectarianism in Iraq. The combination of Iran's unhindered quest for nuclear weapons and support for global terrorism threatens the stability of the Middle East, the security of our friends in the Gulf, and the very existence of our ally Israel. Beyond being an agent of regional instability, Iran's global reach poses a dangerous challenge to the international community as a whole.

At this time, Congress must unequivocally demonstrate to Israel's enemies that there is no daylight between the United States and its embattled friend and ally. It is necessary now for Congress to hear from Prime Minister Netanyahu, and welcome his expertise on Iran's regional designs. Thank you for assembling both Chambers of Congress for this critical address.

Most sincerely,
