

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 19, 2010

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join us in sending the attached letter to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton regarding the Middle East peace process and the strong relationship between the United States and Israel.

For more than a year, the Palestinians have refused to enter into direct, face-to-face talks with the Israeli government. This letter states that it is now more important than ever to enter into such talks, and requests that Secretary Clinton do everything possible to help make them a reality.

The letter also requests that Secretary Clinton reaffirm the unbreakable bonds between the United States and Israel.

For decades, the United States and Israel have worked to achieve common goals in the Middle East, including seeking peace between Israel and the Palestinians. We recognize that our government and the Government of Israel will not always agree on every issue. But such differences are best resolved amicably and in a manner that befits longstanding strategic allies.

To sign the attached letter, please contact Ann Norris with Senator Boxer at Ann_Norris@Boxer.Senate.Gov or Houston Ernst with Senator Isakson at Houston_Ernst@Isakson.Senate.Gov. The deadline for signatures is March 26, 2010.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator



Johnny Isakson
United States Senator