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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations Room H-307, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

As you begin your consideration of the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations bills, I write to express my strong support for robust security assistance to the State of Israel without any added conditions. Our two nations share a strong, long-lasting partnership based on mutually shared values and freedom. As the United States faces growing threats from nations like China, Russia, and Iran, I believe that the annual assistance we provide Israel is imperative to our national security interests abroad.

I urge you to support full funding of the security assistance to Israel as authorized in the 2016 U.S. - Israel Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The expected Fiscal Year 2022 budget request of \$3.8 billion in security assistance for Israel includes \$3.3 billion in foreign military financing and \$500 million for cooperative missile defense programs. This assistance is overwhelmingly supported by Congress and became law as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. Moreover, this funding is vital to Israel's security, and placing added conditions would be detrimental to Israel's ability to defend itself against all threats.

We should stand unequivocally shoulder-to-shoulder with Israel. It is my firm belief that a strong U.S. - Israel relationship is the cornerstone of U.S. national security in the Middle East. This funding is a vital step in ensuring Israel, our only stable and democratic ally in the Middle East, is able to deter any regional conflicts. Americans at home and abroad are more safe and secure when Israel is strong.

Sincerely,

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

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