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January 26, 2015

His Excellency Benjamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister of Israel
3 Kaplan St. Hakirya
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

People all across America know that the Land of Israel, including Judea and Samaria, is not occupied territory, but that it belongs to the Jewish people as it has for thousands of years.

And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name... a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land." Genesis 35:10-12

Israel's commitment to democracy and the rule of law has fostered an inclusive, tolerant society which protects the rights of all people regardless of race, ethnicity, or faith. Survey research indicates that large majorities of Palestinians admire Israeli democracy more than any other democracy in the world. Additionally, recent polling demonstrates that a majority of Palestinians oppose an Israeli withdrawal from Judea and Samaria.

In spite of Israel's tolerance and accommodation throughout the years, an ancient hatred continues to shed the blood of the Children of Israel and to threaten Israel's very existence. As a combat veteran, I have seen the scale of these threats, not the least of which is a nuclear Iran. As a Member of Congress, I intend to demonstrate in every way possible America's unshakeable bond with the Nation of Israel.

To that end, I invite you to visit Oklahoma during your upcoming trip to the United States. I can assure you that our community would turn out in historic numbers to affirm America's support for Israel. The people of Israel must know that people all across America stand with them in these extraordinarily perilous times.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to your address to Congress in March.

Sincerely,

