



Dear Friend,

It's hard to believe, but it's true.

Today, one of the gravest threats to American support for Israel's security comes from an organization that outrageously calls itself pro-Israel.

This "pro-Israel" group aligns with the anti-Israel fringe and supporters of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaign. They endorse and fund candidates who vote against Iron Dome—the system that helps Israel defend its citizens from terrorist rockets. They oppose policies of the Israeli government no matter who is prime minister or whether Israel's government is center-left, centrist, or conservative.

By now, you may have figured out I'm talking about J Street, the organization which masquerades as a supporter of Israel while endorsing its most virulent critics and denouncing bipartisan backers of the U.S.-Israel friendship.

"Pro-Israel"? You be the judge:

- J Street's chief lobbyist questioned emergency American aid to replenish the purely defensive Iron Dome missile defense system, after thousands of terrorist rocket attacks against civilian populations in Israel.
- When President Biden visited Israel and reaffirmed both America's special relationship with Israel and "the unshakeable U.S. commitment to Israel's security," J Street criticized his trip.
- In the last election, J Street endorsed several anti-Israel members and candidates for Congress. One wrote a bill that said Jerusalem should be divided and the Western Wall is Palestinian territory. Others cosponsored a resolution calling Israel's founding a "catastrophe." Many even opposed celebrating 75 years of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

J Street's efforts fracture the bipartisan consensus for Israel and give its radical opponents in Congress a veneer of legitimacy from an allegedly "pro-Israel" group. This is a clear and present threat to American support for the Jewish state.

That's why I'm asking you to join a group that, since Israel's earliest days, has helped to unify legislators across the political spectrum in strengthening the U.S.-Israel friendship

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and promoting the bipartisan view that the Jewish state, like every other state, has the right to exist in peace and security and to defend itself when that right is threatened: AIPAC.

Since our founding, AIPAC has worked with members of Congress and the executive branch from both parties—from Harry Truman to Ronald Reagan to Joe Biden—to ensure the vital U.S.-Israel relationship remains strong.

We do so because we know the bedrock of the U.S.-Israel friendship is the bipartisan consensus for it—just as we also know that attempts to make Israel a partisan issue in the United States would be a disaster for Israel’s security.

That’s why we work with candidates and officeholders across the political spectrum. In the last election, 98 percent of candidates AIPAC endorsed won—including half of the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

AIPAC’s work with Congress and the administration to build rather than divide consensus has yielded impressive results. We’ve worked across the aisle to:

- Keep Israel safe through critical funding for our ally’s security—\$4.8 billion in 2022 alone. This includes support for key U.S.-Israel missile defense programs like Iron Dome, David’s Sling and Arrow. Over the last few years, Iron Dome has intercepted hundreds of terrorist rockets that could have slammed into Israeli homes, schools, hospitals, or businesses, saving countless Israeli lives.
- Counter Iranian aggression and nuclear ambitions by advocating for a bipartisan, comprehensive strategy to increase the economic, diplomatic, and political pressure on Iran.
- Support Israel’s right to self-defense through policies that bolster the Jewish state’s ability to protect its citizens from terrorist attacks.
- Enhance U.S.-Israel security cooperation through congressional efforts that strengthen bilateral cooperation in areas like missile defense, homeland security, intelligence, water, energy, and cybersecurity.

But our important work is far from over.

And as groups like J Street work to drive a wedge between the United States and Israel, endorse anti-Israel politicians, and encourage them to support harmful policies under the false label of “pro-Israel,” our work will only become harder.

We can start by making sure our leaders in Washington understand that AIPAC and

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J Street are two totally different organizations, and that aligning with J Street is not pro-Israel—in fact, it’s aligning with the anti-Israel fringe.

AIPAC believes America and Israel are stronger together and that strengthening bipartisan support in Congress for this alliance is vital to keeping our ally safe.

J Street has a different view. They urge Congress to pressure Israel and support policies that undermine the relationship. They embrace some of the loudest critics of Israel, fund their campaigns, and label them “pro-Israel.”

On a number of issues: calling for political conditions on aid to Israel, supporting those who oppose Iron Dome, endorsing “Squad” members, using trips to Israel and the West Bank to undermine support for Israel and the Abraham Accords, it’s clear they are NOT the pro-Israel group they claim to be.

On college campuses, in Congress, in diplomatic circles and beyond, J Street is actively working to confuse what was once clear: that the American people, including American Jews, stand with Israel.

In the face of this challenge, AIPAC must work harder.

We must work harder to educate candidates about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship. We must work harder to ensure Israel’s friends in Congress have the strong political support they need. We must accelerate our efforts with Congress to ensure Israel always has the resources it needs to defend itself, by itself, and that America’s friendship never wavers.

And we can’t do it without you.

If J Street achieves its objectives, Israel’s security will suffer—at precisely the moment when Israel’s security is under unprecedented threats: Thousands of terrorist rockets stashed along Israel’s borders...Iran arming and funding terrorist groups that can attack Israel simultaneously from six fronts...the threat of advanced weapons in the hands of Israel’s enemies—like attack drones and precision-guided missiles...the growing danger of a nuclear Iran.

There has also never been a more urgent time for you to stand with pro-Israel Americans across the political spectrum by joining AIPAC.

Your contribution of \$36, \$50, \$100, or more, if you can, will enable us to work with Congress to strengthen the U.S.-Israel partnership, enhance the security of the State of Israel, and ensure America’s support for the Jewish state remains ironclad.

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Your contribution will be your personal statement that you will never let Israel's enemies win. It will affirm your belief that support for Israel must never be a partisan issue. And it will help keep Israel safe.

Most of all, your support of AIPAC today will show that you will not stand idly by as J Street encourages anti-Israel actions under the "pro-Israel" guise. Please join AIPAC today.

Sincerely,



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P.S. J Street works to drive a wedge between America and Israel regardless of who holds power in either country. Whether during Prime Minister Yair Lapid or Benjamin Netanyahu...whether during President Obama or Trump or Biden...J Street has worked to add political conditions on security aid to our ally and inflame tensions between the two partners. AIPAC, by contrast, seeks to bring countries closer together by building bipartisan support to help keep Israel safe. J Street and AIPAC represent diametrically opposed visions for the U.S.-Israeli friendship. Please make your choice by joining AIPAC today.