

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 22, 2021

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 Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

As you begin your consideration of the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations bills, we know you face many conflicting demands on this year's budget. As the United States meets pressing global challenges, we strongly believe that robust U.S. foreign assistance is vital to ensuring our national security interests abroad.

One program that enjoys particularly strong bipartisan backing and for which we, Democrats and Republicans, urge your continued strong support is the full funding of security assistance to Israel as authorized in the 2016 U.S. - Israel Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Foreign military financing and security assistance are provided by appropriations and are subject to Congressional oversight. In addition, our assistance to Israel is governed by the terms of the U.S.-Israel MOU. The expected Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request of \$3.8 billion in security assistance for Israel - \$3.3 billion in foreign military financing and \$500 million for cooperative missile defense programs - constitutes the fourth year of the ten-year 2016 MOU. This assistance was approved overwhelmingly by Congress in 2020 in the U.S. - Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act (UISAAA), which became law as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. The Act codified the levels of funding set forth in the 2016 MOU. In that spirit, we urge you to support foreign assistance funding, including full funding for Israel's security needs.

Israel continues to face direct threats from Iran and its terrorist proxies. In February, an Israeli-owned ship in the Gulf of Oman was hit by a mysterious explosion that Israel has attributed as an attack by Iran. In 2019, Hizballah launched three anti-tank missiles at an Israeli Defense Forces vehicle in Israel. Hizballah is estimated to have an arsenal of over 130,000 rockets and missiles, and is believed to be developing new precision-guided munitions to be deployed in Lebanon. American security assistance to Israel helps counter these threats, and our rock-solid security partnership serves as a deterrent against even more significant attacks on our shared interests.

Congress is committed to maintaining Israel's qualitative military edge and its ability to defend itself, by itself, against persistent threats. Our aid to Israel is a vital and cost-effective expenditure which advances important U.S. national security interests in a highly challenging

region. For decades, Presidents of both parties have understood the strategic importance of providing Israel with security assistance.

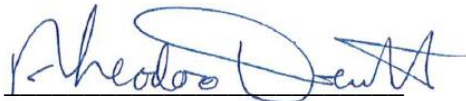
As America's closest Mideast ally, Israel regularly provides the United States with unique intelligence information and advanced defensive weapons systems. Israel is also actively engaged in supporting security partners like Jordan and Egypt, and its recent normalization agreements with the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco will help promote regional stability and deal with common challenges from Iran and its terrorist proxies.

We recognize that not every Member of Congress will agree with every policy decision of every Israeli government. However as President Biden has stated, "I'm not going to place conditions for the security assistance given the serious threats that Israel is facing, and this would be, I think, irresponsible." Reducing funding or adding conditions on security assistance would be detrimental to Israel's ability to defend itself against all threats. We urge you to fulfill our commitments as agreed to in the 2016 MOU as codified by the UISAAA, and in accordance with all U.S. laws.

Just as foreign assistance is an investment in advancing our values and furthering our global interests, security aid to Israel is a specific investment in the peace and prosperity of the entire Middle East. U.S. support for Israel makes the region a safer place and bolsters diplomatic efforts aimed at achieving a negotiated two-state solution, resulting in peace and prosperity for both Israelis and Palestinians.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue, and we urge your full support for this continued critical investment.

Sincerely,



Ted Deutch  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS



Michael T. McCaul  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Co-signers:

Steny Hoyer  
Kathleen M. Rice  
Anthony G. Brown  
Dina Titus  
Lee Zeldin  
Lucille Roybal-Allard  
Alan Lowenthal  
Josh Gottheimer  
Bradley S. Schneider  
Nanette Diaz Barragán  
Claudia Tenney  
Mark Green  
Adam Kinzinger  
Tom Tiffany  
Michael R. Turner  
Tom Suozzi  
Peter Meijer  
Jimmy Panetta  
Jim Cooper  
Jenniffer González-Colón  
Lucy McBath  
Kaiali'i Kahele  
Elise Stefanik  
Barry Moore  
Bob Gibbs  
Anthony Gonzalez  
Dusty Johnson  
Randy K. Weber  
Richard Hudson  
Carlos Gimenez  
Ronny L. Jackson  
Trey Hollingsworth  
Tom Cole  
Debbie Lesko  
August Pfluger  
Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.  
Elaine G. Luria  
Julia Brownley  
Christopher H. Smith  
Debbie Wasserman Schultz  
Al Lawson, Jr.

Frank J. Mrvan  
Anna G. Eshoo  
Jim Costa  
Ritchie Torres  
Marilyn Strickland  
Gerald E. Connolly  
Brian Fitzpatrick  
Joyce Beatty  
Chris Pappas  
James R. Langevin  
Grace F. Napolitano  
Jackie Walorski  
Madison Cawthorn  
David Schweikert  
Fred Keller  
Glenn Grothman  
Scott DesJarlais  
Sylvia R. Garcia  
Kathy Manning  
Vicky Hartzler  
Deborah K. Ross  
Darren Soto  
William R. Keating  
Joseph Morelle  
María Elvira Salazar  
Jerrold Nadler  
Jim Himes  
Albio Sires  
Tom Malinowski  
Pete Stauber  
Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Michael Waltz  
Judy Chu  
John P. Sarbanes  
Andy Levin  
Stephanie Murphy  
Raja Krishnamoorthi  
Haley Stevens  
W. Gregory Steube  
Don Bacon  
Tom Emmer  
Suzan K. DelBene  
Scott Peters

Carolyn B. Maloney  
Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Brad Sherman  
Jake Auchincloss  
Juan Vargas  
Ted W. Lieu  
Jason Smith  
Liz Cheney  
Vern Buchanan  
Andy Barr  
Tim Burchett  
Troy Nehls  
David Kustoff  
Patrick McHenry  
Michelle Steel  
Blake Moore  
Bill Foster  
Stephanie Bice  
Bill Posey  
Brian Higgins  
Sharice L. Davids  
Abigail D. Spanberger  
David N. Cicilline  
Diana Harshbarger  
Colin Allred  
Jim Banks  
Jim Hagedorn  
John Curtis  
Ben Cline  
Andrew R. Garbarino  
Kelly Armstrong  
Pete Sessions  
Antonio Delgado  
Marianette Miller-Meeks  
Lisa McClain  
Mondaire Jones  
Carolyn Bourdeaux  
Mikie Sherrill  
Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
Robin L. Kelly  
Susan Wild  
Jared Golden  
Mike Bost

Ralph Norman	Jake LaTurner	Kim Schrier
French Hill	Kevin Brady	Jason Crow
Joe Wilson	Carol D. Miller	Bryan Steil
Kat Cammack	Jerry L. Carl	Doug LaMalfa
James Comer	Chris Jacobs	William R. Timmons, IV
David Rouzer	Scott Perry	Jack Bergman
Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.	Val Demings	Glenn 'GT' Thompson
Nicole Malliotakis	Angie Craig	Blaine Luetkemeyer
Jeff Van Drew	Brendan F. Boyle	Dan Crenshaw
Lloyd Smucker	Lois Frankel	Doug Lamborn
Michael C. Burgess, M.D.	Young Kim	Diana DeGette
Raul Ruiz, M.D.	Linda T. Sánchez	Kathy Castor
John B. Larson	Charlie Crist	Cheri Bustos
Steve Chabot	Brian Mast	Frederica S. Wilson
Doris Matsui	Mike Quigley	Norma J. Torres
Adam Schiff	David Scott	Mary Gay Scanlon
Eric Swalwell	John Katko	Ross Fulcher
Darin LaHood	Ann Wagner	Suzanne Bonamici
Beth Van Duyne	Ron Estes	Tony Cárdenas
Brett Guthrie	Rick W. Allen	John H. Rutherford
Salud Carbajal	Dan Meuser	A. Donald McEachin
Hakeem Jeffries	Rodney Davis	Mike Simpson
Gus M. Bilirakis	Andy Kim	Mike Gallagher
Kurt Schrader	Henry Cuellar	Mike Rogers
Nydia M. Velázquez	John Garamendi	Bill Johnson
Ron Kind	Chrissy Houlahan	Troy Balderson
Scott Franklin	Don Young	Ted Budd
Mike Johnson	Earl L. "Buddy" Carter	Sam Graves
Virginia Foxx	Ken Buck	Steve Scalise
Clarence Burgess Owens	Richard E. Neal	Greg Pence
Billy Long	Bonnie Watson Coleman	Dean Phillips
Greg Stanton	Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.	Jamie Raskin
Ann McLane Kuster	Conor Lamb	Steven Horsford
Cindy Axne	Jan Schakowsky	Jahana Hayes
Ami Bera, M.D.	David B. McKinley, P.E.	Joe Neguse
Vicente Gonzalez	Jim Jordan	Robert E. Latta
G. K. Butterfield	Michael Cloud	Randy Feenstra
Sean Patrick Maloney	Dan Bishop	Alex X. Mooney
Donald Norcross	Brian Babin	Paul D. Tonko
Lauren Boebert	Daniel Webster	Robert J. Wittman
Lance Gooden	Yvette D. Clarke	Warren Davidson
Steve Stivers	Mike Levin	Jeff Duncan
Austin Scott	Jodey C. Arrington	Fred Upton

Madeleine Dean  
Lisa Blunt Rochester  
Roger Williams  
Marc Veasey  
Tim Walberg  
Lizzie Fletcher  
Garret Graves  
Nancy Mace  
Neal Dunn  
Drew Ferguson  
Kweisi Mfume  
Terri A. Sewell  
Tom McClintock  
Darrell Issa  
Tom Reed  
Tom Rice  
Emanuel Cleaver, II  
Mark Takano  
Jimmy Gomez  
Dwight Evans  
Scott Fitzgerald  
Bruce Westerman  
Guy Reschenthaler  
Andy Biggs

Julia Letlow  
Barry Loudermilk  
Bill Huizenga  
Byron Donalds  
J. Luis Correa  
Donald M. Payne, Jr.  
Teresa Leger Fernández  
Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.  
Nikema Williams  
Joe Courtney  
John Rose  
Eric A. "Rick" Crawford  
Adrian Smith  
James R. Baird  
Michael Guest  
Andrew S. Clyde  
Elissa Slotkin  
Rick Larsen  
Tom O'Halleran  
Ruben Gallego  
Sheila Jackson Lee  
Seth Moulton  
Clay Higgins  
Gary Palmer

Cliff Bentz  
Jody Hice  
H. Morgan Griffith  
Yvette Herrell  
Mo Brooks  
Larry Bucshon, M.D.  
Tracey Mann  
Ro Khanna  
Trent Kelly  
Steve Cohen  
Matthew Rosendale, Sr.  
Mary Miller  
Mike Kelly  
Louie Gohmert  
Kevin McCarthy  
Gregory F. Murphy, M.D.  
Bob Good  
Marjorie Taylor Greene  
Markwayne Mullin  
Veronica Escobar  
Michelle Fischbach  
Victoria Spartz  
Pat Fallon  
Matt Gaetz