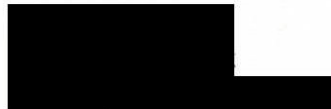


United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0605

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Dear 

Thank you for your letter in which you expressed concerns for America's close relationship with Israel. I regret that we disagree on this matter.

The ancient conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians is infinitely complex. As the history of this region has clearly shown, Israel continues to endure the aggression of antagonistic neighbors. My support does not mean that I agree with all Israeli policy decisions and actions, but I remain firmly against those anywhere who rely on terrorism to further their cause.

Israel has proven to be an important ally in the Middle East and I continue to work to preserve this relationship. American aid and military assistance has not only helped Israel to grow strong, but also serves one of the most important national security interests of the United States. As a member of the Senate Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, I will continue this support. My intent is to support the best interests of America.

Again, I thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Ben Nighthorse Campbell
U.S. Senator

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