A Strong Israel Makes America More Secure

The Importance of Security Assistance

America is more secure when Israel is strong.

How is America more secure?

- Israel is a reliable, stable, democratic ally that advances our interests in a highly volatile, strategically important region of the world.
- Israel is on the front lines striking back against our enemies.
- Israel’s innovations, experience and ingenuity improve the quality of life and security of all Americans.
- Israel is a world leader in the arenas that define 21st century progress.

What threatens Israel’s security?

- Chaos and radicalism are spreading across the Middle East.
- Iran, seeking to destroy Israel, fuels that radicalism by providing advanced weapons to terrorist groups dedicated to Israel’s destruction.
- Iran continues to advance its nuclear weapons program.
- Iranian proxies such as Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) in Gaza are enhancing their capabilities to wage war against Israel.

Full funding of America’s security assistance commitment to Israel advances U.S. interests as it enables the Jewish state to address these mounting threats.
A strong and secure Israel provides America with benefits that far exceed the $3.8 billion in annual U.S. assistance to the Jewish state. Israel is a beacon of shared interests and values in a critically strategic region. Unlike other allies, Israel insists on defending itself by itself, relying on America only to ensure it has the means to do so. In doing so, it saves American lives while advancing vital U.S. national security interests.

Israel is an anchor of stability.

**Uniquely Stable**
Israel is a force for stability in a chaotic and unpredictable region.

**Robust Democracy**
Israel embodies the American values of democracy, pluralism and the rule of law in a region that otherwise only knows authoritarianism and dictatorships.

**Unsinkable Aircraft Carrier**
Israel secures U.S. interests in the Middle East without risking American lives.

A strong Israel promotes U.S. interests and saves American lives.

**Shared Interests**
Israel is on the front line in the war against terrorism—countering U.S. enemies in the region and the spread of weapons to terrorist groups.

**Intelligence Cooperation**
Invaluable bilateral intelligence cooperation helps prevent attacks against Americans and greatly limits the number of U.S. personnel needed in this dangerous region.

**Lessons-Learned**
Israel openly shares its battle experiences to ensure America is better equipped to address challenges we face.

Israeli expertise keeps Americans safe.

**Defense**
American service members are protected by utilizing Israel's innovative military technologies.

**Counterterrorism**
Israel, a world leader in counterterrorism, trains American first-responders and counterterrorism officials.

**Cybersecurity**
Israel works with the U.S. government and private sector to design and implement systems aimed at thwarting cyberattacks and safeguarding the citizens of both nations.
Israel is confronting growing security threats from its north, east and south. Iran is providing advanced weapons to its terrorist proxies to attack the Jewish state from six fronts—Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Iran itself. Terrorist groups are embedding terrorists and weapons among civilian populations and preparing for war against Israel. These threats, coupled with troubling long-term trends, greatly complicate Israel’s security situation.

**Israel faces imminent threats of war from its north and south.**

**High Likelihood of War**
Iranian-backed terrorist groups Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) in Gaza are preparing for war, as Israel has faced escalating aggression.

**Massive Arsenals**
Hezbollah—the most powerful non-state actor in the world—and Hamas/PIJ—which have launched thousands of rockets at Israel in the past year—have a combined arsenal of more than 150,000 rockets and missiles, many capable of striking all of Israel.

**Human Shields**
Hezbollah and Hamas/PIJ are putting the lives of Lebanese and Gazan civilians in danger by positioning their forces and weapons inside hospitals, homes and schools.

**Israel’s long-term security rests on an uncertain future.**

**Regional Instability**
Nation-states across the Middle East are struggling against regional chaos.

** Rise of Violent Non-State Actors**
Terrorist groups and non-state militias, largely backed by Iran, are using this instability to extend their control and further destabilize pro-Western countries in the region.

**Nuclear Iran**
Iran’s continued nuclear ambitions pose an existential threat to the Jewish state and risk triggering a nuclear arms race with the Arab world.

**Iran is providing its proxies with advanced weapons to target Israel.**

**Land Bridge**
Iran is working to permanently consolidate a land bridge linking Iran—through Iraq, Syria and Lebanon—to Israel’s borders, facilitating the regime’s transfer of weapons and personnel to Israel’s doorstep.

**Precision-Guided Missiles**
Iran is providing advanced PGMs to its terrorist proxies across the region, enabling these groups to precisely target Israel’s most sensitive sites and population centers.

**Cruise Missiles and Drones**
Iran has demonstrated its capability and willingness to use cruise missiles and drones—which fly at low altitudes to avoid radar and missile defense systems—to attack strategic targets.
Israel is a strategic ally partnering with the United States to solve critical 21st century challenges. A strong U.S.-Israel relationship and enhanced bilateral cooperation in homeland security, cybersecurity, space, sustainability and other key areas is helping both countries and others across the globe to confront emerging mutual challenges.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

Water Scarcity
As a global leader in water technology, Israel recycles nearly 90 percent of its water—far more than any other country—and is aiming to recycle 95 percent by 2025.

Food Security
With 60 percent of Israel exposed to a harsh desert climate, its farmers and agricultural scientists have developed innovative ways to cultivate crops in arid conditions.

Renewable Energy
Energy security is a top priority in Israel, and the Jewish state is a world leader in solar energy technology and other energy-related fields.

DIGITAL CHALLENGES

Cybersecurity
Israel remains on the cutting edge of the ever-changing cybersecurity challenges that threaten both nations and our allies.

Artificial Intelligence
Israel is an emerging leader in core artificial intelligence technologies as well as AI-incorporated fields such as healthcare, cybersecurity and autonomous driving.

Biotechnology
Israel is a world leader in biotechnology, helping to cure new diseases and improve healthcare and quality of life for millions around the world.

A strong U.S.-Israel relationship promotes peace and stability.

Prevents Wars
Israel’s adversaries are emboldened when America’s support for Israel is in doubt, but they are deterred when America and Israel stand together.

Incentivizes Peace
A strong U.S.-Israel relationship gives Israel the confidence to take risks for peace, as demonstrated by its peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan.

Force for Good
Israel regularly shares its expertise in innovation and resilience with developing nations and sponsors humanitarian projects around the world.