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Bipartisan Resolution Condemning PA Incitement against Israel Passes House

On Oct. 22, the U.S. House of Representatives voted unanimously to pass a bipartisan resolution (H. Res. 293) condemning the recent wave of Palestinian terrorism in Israel. Authored by Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) and Ted Deutch (D-FL), the resolution condemns the terrorist attacks and urges Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas and other PA officials to discontinue all official incitement and exert influence to discourage such activity within Palestinian civil society. "The House has sent a clear message to Palestinian leadership that its anti-Israel incitement causing so much of the recent tension, violence, and terror will no longer be tolerated. There should be no doubt that the Palestinian Authority sets the tone with its incitement, resulting in the recent wave of attacks that we're seeing against innocent Israeli civilians," said Rep. Ros-Lehtinen. Rep. Deutch said, "I am proud to have been a leading sponsor of this important resolution that passed today. For too long, we have witnessed leaders in the Palestinian Authority resort to anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement... It is well past time for President Abbas to stand up and condemn all acts of violence."