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Bipartisan House Letter Urges Funding for Joint U.S.-Israel Energy Programs

On April 5, a group of 102 lawmakers sent a bipartisan letter to the leaders of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development requesting \$6 million for joint U.S.-Israel energy cooperation programs. Spearheaded by Reps. Brad Sherman (D-CA), Peter Roskam (R-IL), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Bill Johnson (R-OH), Ted Deutch (D-FL) and Peter King (R-NY), the House letter urges funding for the implementation of the U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperative Agreement and for the establishment of the U.S.-Israel Energy Center (“Center of Excellence”) in the Fiscal Year 2018 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. “These programs are important tools in our efforts to achieve greater energy security and independence, and leverage a relatively small investment to incentivize academic and private sector innovation in the pursuit of a critical objective,” the members of Congress wrote. The letter also emphasizes that U.S. funding is matched dollar for dollar by Israel, and creates jobs in the United States.