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America's Pro-Israel Lobby

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Dear Senator:

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) urges you to support the Kerry-Lugar-Durbin-Bond-Feinstein letter to appropriations Chairman Inouye and Ranking Member Cochran urging allocation of no less than \$58.8 billion for international affairs programs. This is the same amount requested by President Obama as part of his national security budget request for fiscal year 2011.

AIPAC has long-supported a robust international affairs budget as an essential component of our overall national security strategy. In addition to U.S. military strength, our international leadership is directly dependent on providing the necessary resources for foreign assistance, the conduct of diplomacy and the building of strong allies in a dangerous world. Our country's annual military assistance package to Israel is included in the State-Foreign Operations appropriations bill along with so many other critical programs that promote U.S. interests abroad.

As Congress begins to weigh priorities and draft the appropriations bills for FY 2011, we urge the appropriators to provide the full allocation of funds for the State-Foreign Operations bill. As a founding member of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, we join with some 400 business and non-governmental organizations, former Secretaries of State and retired military officials in encouraging Congress to provide the necessary resources for these vital programs.

Please sign on to the Kerry-Lugar-Durbin-Bond-Feinstein letter.

Sincerely,

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