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THE AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

America's Pro-Israel Lobby

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Dear Senator/Representative:

As Congress begins its work on the fiscal year 2012 budget, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) urges you to support robust funding for international affairs programs. AIPAC has long supported the international affairs budget as an essential component of our national security strategy. In fact, we are pleased that the Obama administration, like the Bush administration before it, sees international affairs spending as a crucial element in our overall national security budget (along with defense and homeland security) that should be protected by Congress.

Given the ongoing threats to our national security and the global economic crisis, the U.S. must not shirk its international responsibilities and leadership. 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 security package to Israel is one of the valuable tools included in the international affairs budget along with so many other critical programs that promote U.S. interests abroad.

In conclusion, it is critical that the Congress provide sufficient funding for the vital, cost-effective programs in the international affairs budget that keep America strong, safe and prosperous and support allies like Israel. To complement our military efforts, promote successful and effective overseas operations and help prevent unstable areas from becoming breeding grounds for terror, disease, poverty and lawlessness that can directly threaten American interests, we urge your support for a robust FY 2012 international affairs budget.

Sincerely,

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