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WAXMAN SPEAKS OUT AGAINST CARTER BOOK

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-CA) today released the following statement on former President Carter’s new book:

“Former President Carter’s analysis is seriously off kilter. The Palestinian people surely deserve sympathy for their predicament, but they are not victims of apartheid. They are victims of their own leaders who have neglected them through corruption, indecision, and a failed strategy of using violence against Israel. Unfortunately, President Carter’s book absolves the Palestinian and Arab leaders from their responsibility for the current situation. The primary failure for peace is the unwillingness of the Palestinian leaders to accept and live with the Jewish state of Israel, which President Carter does not seem to understand.

Time and again the Israeli government and its people have demonstrated the willingness to take risks for peace. President Carter sadly ignores these sacrifices and his views are at odds with those of the vast majority of Democrats and Americans.”

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