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## **Cantor Statement on Meeting Between Pelosi, House Democrats and Radical Anti-Israel Group**

**Washington, D.C.** — Chief Deputy Majority Whip Eric Cantor (VA-07) released the following statement regarding the July 15 meeting between House Democrat Leader Nancy Pelosi, other House Democrats, and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a radical anti-Israel group:

“Nancy Pelosi and other House Democrat leaders are playing both sides of an issue by meeting with CAIR and other radical anti-Israel groups on the same day they voted for a resolution condemning the July 9th International Courts of Justice (ICJ) ruling against the Israeli security fence.

“It is an insult to American Jews for Mrs. Pelosi to vote one way on the floor of the House and then coddle anti-Israel groups in her office.

“In a July 9 press release, CAIR ‘applauded’ the ICJ ruling as a ‘historic victory for international law and justice.’ The release goes on to label President Bush’s support for Israel and the security fence as ‘defend[ing] Israel's neo-Apartheid policies.’ Such an attitude is absurd considering that the state of Israel has been a beacon of democracy and freedom in the Middle East for decades.

“America must stand with its ally Israel, and recognize its right to fight terrorism and protect its citizens. The United States must veto any U.N. resolution imposing sanctions on Israel for the security fence, and continue its support of Israel’s right to fight its war on terror. The Democrat leadership’s pandering to fraudulent civil rights groups completely undermines their claims of support for Israel.”

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