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Garrett Supports Israel's Construction of Security Barrier and Other Defense Measures

Washington, D.C. Commenting on Israel's recent actions in defense of their state and their war on terrorism.

"Since 1948, the state of Israel has been under attack, from inside and outside her borders, from neighbors on all sides. Israel has never known peace. There are always threats and there is always cause for alarm.

Today, Israel is under a new wave of violence, one that the Palestinian leadership is unable to or unwilling to stop. For this reason, I supported Israel's construction of the first 90 miles of their security fence and will support the proposed next 270 miles if Israel so decides to continue this defense option.

The threat to Israel's security has never been greater than today. On 9/11, we in America learned the devastating effects of a terrorist attack and the horrible outcomes it has on a nation. For Israel, this is almost a daily occurrence. Innocent citizens of Israel including, women, children and seniors are targets. Israeli shops, streets and schools have become battlegrounds.

The world must not look the other way to these devastating attacks, and we mustn't expect Israel to stand put. It has every right and must have every-ability to defend their citizens and their homeland.

Those who say otherwise, that Israel's self defense is an impediment to progress miss the point. The destruction of Palestinian terrorism is not an impediment to progress – it is the definition of progress.

When the violence stops, the peace process can move forward. Until it does, Israel must defend herself. Israel's efforts, such as attacks on confirmed terrorist camps, even the construction of a security fence on their border are necessary and justified responses to the perils this nation faces.

As our only ally in a region filled with unrest and American hatred, our nation must do everything we can to support Israel and not stand in the way when Israeli leaders are doing what they feel is necessary to protect their citizens and their homeland."

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