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## **Cantor Statement on Results of Palestinian Election**

**WASHINGTON** – Chief Deputy Majority Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA) released the following statement today regarding the results of the election in the Palestinian Authority:

“Sadly, the Palestinian people have chosen a terrorist group to run their government. President Bush is absolutely correct to demand that Hamas renounce terrorism, lay down their arms and recognize the right of the state of Israel to exist. If Hamas does not join the peaceful nations of the world at the table of cooperation and peace, the consequence will be the loss of America’s support and funding for the Palestinians.

“The Bush doctrine, which is our national policy, refuses to support or aid terrorist regimes. Hamas’ control of the Palestinian government is similar to another Taliban gaining legitimacy through government. I will not vote for one penny of American taxpayers’ dollars or aid being sent to Hamas until it renounces terrorism and recognizes Israel’s right to exist.”

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