Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

July 9, 2009

Mr. Howard Kohr Executive Director American-Israel Public Affairs Committee 251 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

Dear Howard:

We write as strong supporters of Israel who recognize its long-standing relationship with the United States and the important values we share, a steadfast commitment to democracy, peace, human rights, and fighting terrorism. For substantial reasons unrelated to our unwavering support for Israel, we ultimately voted against the FY2010 State Department and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill.

We very much endorse the funding included in this bill for Israel, and want to assure you of our continued commitment to maintaining Israel's qualitative military edge in the Middle East, supporting Israel's right to defend itself against attacks from Gaza and addressing the growing threat of a nuclear Iran.

We look forward to having more opportunities to work with you on future legislation.

Sincerely,

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