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The Honorable Peter Roskam  
United States House of Representatives  
2246 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Roskam:

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, we wish to express our support for *the United States-Israel Trade and Commercial Enhancement Act*, H.R. 825, which you introduced with Rep. Vargas (D-CA) to combat the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel. This bipartisan legislation is an important step in preventing Israel from becoming economically isolated and commercially marginalized.

Given the growing number of countries, primarily in Europe, that have sought to delegitimize Israel through BDS, this bill will provide needed leverage in ongoing trade negotiations to discourage protective U.S. trade partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel and establish a clear U.S. policy of opposing BDS as counterproductive to global trade, regional peace, and stability.

We greatly appreciate your leadership in this effort and look forward to working with you and your staff in support of this bill. If you need any information or have questions, please feel free to contact me at [lisashuger@juf.org](mailto:lisashuger@juf.org) or 202-466-7090.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Shuger Hublitz*

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