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

Dear Congressman Roskam:

I'm writing to thank you for introducing H.R. 825, the U.S.-Israel Trade and Commercial Enhancement Act, and to encourage you and your Democratic partner Congressman Vargas to push for action on this important bill as quickly as possible.

The international campaign to isolate and cripple Israel through boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) is a real and growing threat to the Jewish state's security. H.R. 825 responds forcefully to that threat.

We share your view that it is in America's national interest to fight the BDS movement. That being the case, we welcome H.R. 825's provisions to ensure that our opposition to BDS is part of our agenda in trade negotiations.

Combining those provisions with others directing the president to respond to this threat and ensuring American companies will not be subject to lawsuits overseas based on their investments in Israel adds up to a strong package that will make a real difference.

The Republican Jewish Coalition looks forward to working with you to make the case for H.R. 825. On behalf of the RJC's 40,000 members, I salute you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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