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Dear Representatives Roskam and Vargas:

On behalf of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), the oldest pro-Israel organization in the United States, we applaud you both for introducing and co-sponsoring the **U.S.-Israel Trade and Commercial Enhancement Act** to counter the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel and strengthen the U.S.-Israel economic relationship.

By proposing to leverage ongoing trade negotiations to discourage prospective U.S. trade partners from engaging in economic discrimination against Israel, your bill also establishes a clear U.S. policy in opposition to state-led BDS. Not only is state-supported BDS detrimental to global trade but it also strikes a blow against American economic and security interests in the Middle East, and undermines regional stability.

As you both know, the ZOA, a 501(c)(3) non-partisan, non-profit, grassroots organization, works to strengthen American-Israeli relations through educational activities, public affairs programs, advocacy on Capitol Hill, and by combating anti-Israel bias. Your efforts in Congress are a healthy reminder of all the good work Congress can do to advance our common cause.

The ZOA strongly supports your bi-partisan **U.S.-Israel Trade and Commercial Enhancement Act**, and commends you both for your principled stand in support of Israel and the US-Israel relationship.

Sincerely,

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