

Dear Congressmen Roskam and Vargas,

I was honored to read your proposed bill placing the Congress squarely behind Israel in its struggle against Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions.

Since publishing my [Politico op-ed](#) (December 20, 2013) calling for Congressional action against BDS, I have been privileged to work with you in defending Israel against this growing strategic threat. I have been inspired by your ceaseless efforts to uphold bipartisan support for Israel in the face of our common enemies. Your crucial legislation, recalling America's earlier role in defeating the Arab boycott, represents a major contribution to Israel's security. Your bill will set a new and principled bar against all attempts to boycott Israel and to undermine America's vital interests in the Middle East.

The U.S.-Israel Trade and Commercial Enhancement Act is a testament to the historical alliance between our two countries and a reminder to the world of America's commitment to always stand by its friends.

With deepest gratitude,

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