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ISRAEL: SURVIVAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE

The Survival of the Democratic state of Israel is now and must continue to be one of the cornerstones of this nation's foreign policy. Any waiver of our support would seriously affect our obligations and credibility in the international community. Yet, that is not reason enough for our commitment to Israel. There is something more important, more basic, something which every American must be aware of and must respond to positively: The moral right of Israel to exist.

We are two nations with one common democratic heritage. We are two people who have, against incredible odds, and in the face of overwhelming military opposition, fought and sacrificed for the founding of a democratic nation. For the founding of a homeland where a people, working together, could produce for themselves and their children, a place to grow to their full potential with peace.

I have supported every Foreign Aid and International Security Act appropriation containing funds for Israel. I have opposed all attempts to weaken these bills. I opposed the Obey Amendment which sought to cut military credits to Israel by \$200 million. I also opposed the Miller Amendment which called for an across the board 5% cut in foreign aid programs.