

National Security: Israel, Iran, and Rising Anti-Semitism

- I unapologetically stand with the Jewish people in the face of growing anti-Semitism.
- I will always support Israel's right to prosper in its historical homeland and its government's moral obligation to defend the people of Israel from external threats.
- I condemn Ilhan Omar's habitual anti-Semitism, which disqualifies her from representing the people of MN-05 in Washington.

The U.S.-Israel Alliance: Unshakable and Unbreakable

- Israel is one of America's closest allies and the ONLY democracy in the Middle East. The bond between the United States and Israel is based upon the shared values of democracy, freedom of speech, respect for minorities, cherishing human life, and the opportunity for all citizens to pursue their dreams.
- Israel is a pluralistic society in which Christians, Muslims, and Jews are all citizens who are free to participate in the state's vibrant democracy and can worship freely according to the dictates of their faith, in their respective churches, mosques, and synagogues.
- I remain committed to strengthening the special U.S.-Israel relationship, standing firm against regimes and terrorist organizations that threaten either country.
- The U.S. is safer because of its relationship with Israel. Support for Israel has been bipartisan since President Harry Truman, a Democrat, recognized its right to exist as a Jewish state. Israel has broad support among Minnesotans and the American people who value our close friendship—culturally, religiously, and politically. Only radical anti-Semites, like Ilhan Omar, object to the unshakable, unbreakable U.S.-Israel ties.

Abraham Accords: Foundation of a New Middle East

- The Abraham Accords, a historic set of peace and normalization agreements between Israel and its Muslim neighbors—United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco, constitute a game changer in the Middle East. They offer real hope for peace and prosperity in a historically dangerous neighborhood. I applaud the progress already underway and urge all of Israel's neighbors to reach their own peace deals with the Jewish State, and work together to create a new and more stable Middle East.

The U.S. Supports Israel's Right to Defend Itself

- Like every nation, Israel has a right to defend itself. I am committed to preserving Israel's qualitative military edge (QME) in the Middle East as it faces threats from Iran and its proxies, Hamas, and others who seek to destroy the Jewish State. America is safer when our regional allies and enemies know that we will have Israel's back.
- Both Presidents Obama and Trump, as well as both parties in Congress, have been committed to providing Israel the aid the country needs to defend itself.
- I support initiatives such as the *Iron Dome*, *David's Sling*, and the *Arrow* systems. These are purely defensive missile systems that protect Israeli citizens (Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and every faith) from frequent rocket attacks by terrorists surrounding Israel, such as Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah—all of whom are funded by Iran. Congress plays a crucial role in the oversight of defense technology exports and I will be heavily engaged in these processes.

- Israel and the United States benefit tremendously from what each country brings to the table—the relationship is a two-way street.

A Nuclear Iran is Unacceptable and Constitutes an Existential Threat to Israel

- The Islamic Republic of Iran has been designated by the U.S. State Department as the world's leading sponsor of terrorism for nearly 40 years (1984). Iran is also the world's leading sponsor of anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial.
- The Iranian regime was born of the original sin of taking 52 Americans hostage in 1979 and continues to hold Americans and other national hostage.
- Iranian rulers have institutionalized chants of “Death to America! Death to Israel!” They call the U.S. “The Great Satan” and Israel “The Little Satan.”
- This barbaric regime is the most destabilizing force in the Middle East, attacking our Arab allies and seeking to annihilate Israel. Iran funds and arms terrorist groups that surround Israel, and directs regular attacks by its terrorist proxies on the Jewish State.
- Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons is a real and urgent threat to the free world and an existential threat to Israel.
- President Obama's ill-conceived 2015 nuclear deal placed the implacable regime in Tehran on a glidepath towards nuclear weapons, leaving the regime with an industrial-sized nuclear program. It also emboldened the regime while pumping over \$100 billion into its coffers, which it continues to spend supporting terrorism around the region, including attacks on American assets in Iraq.
- I supported President Trump's decision to walk away from the nuclear deal and to apply maximum economic pressure on the regime. The U.S. should not squander the leverage he created in pursuit of unverifiable regime promises in a deal that doesn't work.
- I reject attempts by the Biden Administration to resurrect President Obama's fatally flawed nuclear agreement with Iran as it will provide the regime with billions of dollars in sanctions relief while ensuring its capability to attain nuclear weapons, the world's leading sponsor of terrorism, with billions of dollars and ensure its attainment of a nuclear weapon when the deal expires.
- America stands with the people of Iran and I call on the Biden Administration to heed their voice over that of the repressive regime.

Anti-Semitism

- Anti-Semitism is on the rise in the U.S. and around the world. According to the FBI, about 60% of religious hate crimes in the U.S. are against Jewish Americans. Ilhan Omar's habitual anti-Semitic and anti-Israel rhetoric fuels this ancient hatred and threatens our Jewish neighbors. She has declared, “Israel is evil,” that American Jews have dual loyalty, and that for Jews, “it's all about the Benjamins baby.”
- I condemn Omar's Jew hatred and her vile anti-Semitic statements that should alone disqualify her from representing the people of our district in Washington.
- I oppose efforts to delegitimize Israel, impose discriminatory double standards against Israel, or to impose special labeling requirements on Israeli products or boycotts on Israeli goods.
- I reject the Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) platform, which provides the basis for advancing anti-Semitism, and a phased plan for Israel's destruction through its delegitimization and demonization, and by applying double-standards. The movement's shameful supporters cloak their motives in the language of peace, justice, and human rights to appeal to Western audiences but they must be called out for the anti-Semitism they endorse, whether in the halls of the U.S. Congress or in the United Nations. The BDS platform should be rejected and

condemned, not condoned or promoted, least of all by any elected official in Minnesota like Ilhan Omar.

- Just as I support Israel's right and obligation to defend itself against terror attacks upon its people, I support its obligation to defend itself against alternative forms of warfare being waged upon it legally, economically, culturally, and otherwise.