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Representative Michael McCaul
Chairman
House Foreign Affairs Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Representative Gregory W. Meeks
Ranking Member
House Foreign Affairs Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Request for Amendments to the “Standing with Israel” Resolution

Dear Chairman McCaul and Ranking Member Meeks:

I write to you concerning the recent resolution, drafted understandably without my input, titled “Standing with Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas and other terrorists.” While I appreciate the tone and tenor of the resolution and wholeheartedly understand the urgency of the situation as well as the intent behind this resolution, I believe that there is a moral imperative for this resolution to reiterate our longstanding commitment to the peace process, a two-state solution, and concern for the wellbeing of the Palestinian people. The resolution without these three points leads me to, as a matter of conscience, inform you that I will not vote YEA should it come to the floor.

I realize that on this vote I may stand alone. However, for me, on votes of conscience it is better to stand alone than to not stand at all.

It is my view that we must be careful so as not to win the war and lose the peace for ourselves and posterity. I, therefore, respectfully request that the resolution be amended using unanimous consent on the House floor (or some other parliamentary procedure) to include the following:

- A whereas clause which reads: “Whereas the U.S. House of Representatives desires lasting peace between Israel and Palestine.”
- A whereas clause which reads: "Whereas the two-state solution has and continues to be the best path to lasting peace."
- A whereas clause which reads: “Whereas we mourn the deaths and suffering of babies as well as innocent Palestinian and Israeli people of all ages.”
- A whereas clause which reads: “Whereas our support for humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian babies and innocent civilian Palestinian people is a necessity.”
- A resolved clause which reads: "Resolved that the House of Representatives desires a two-state solution that leads to peace between Israel and Palestine."

I believe these additions will ensure a more balanced and holistic representation of the U.S. stance on this critical issue. I also believe there is a moral imperative to stand for peace at the genesis of war. I conclude by assuring you that I have not lobbied anyone on this issue, that I respect everyone's opinion and beg that everyone respect mine. I respect your leadership and commitment to peace, and I pray you will consider my request. Should you require additional information, please contact my Chief of Staff, Scott Bell, by email at Scott.Bell@mail.house.gov or phone at 202-893-0438.

Sincerely,



Al Green
Member of Congress
*Scion of the Enslaved Africans –
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