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The Hon. Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
568 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Letter of Support for Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act

Dear Members of Congress,

On behalf of the millions of activists our organizations represent across the country, we offer our support for the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Following the deadliest terror attack in Israeli history, the United States is right to firmly support Israel as it defends itself against Hamas. Israel and the United States enjoy long-standing strategic ties, and we urge Members to support supplemental assistance to support its defense, consistent with our longstanding relationship. It is also important that this assistance is offset, as all emergency spending should be.

Decisions about supplemental funding for Israel, Ukraine, and other priorities are important and should be considered individually. We commend Speaker Johnson for offering Congress the opportunity to vote on assistance to Israel in standalone form. Our growing and increasingly dangerous \$33.7 trillion national debt continues to threaten America's future and our ability to respond to crises like these.

With this threat in mind, Congress should consider the individual impacts of key foreign policy resource allocations separately, weighing their relation to core U.S. security interests, rather than lumping together aid packages that the American people have different attitudes toward.

By contrast, the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act appropriately focuses on Israel's emergency while paying for itself.

For these reasons, we urge you to support the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Sincerely,

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