

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1100 South Ocean Boulevard
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January 16, 2025

Dear President Trump:

Thank you for your work to establish the Abraham Accords during your first term. These Agreements have made massive progress toward long-term peace in the Middle East, and Israel has never been in a greater regional position. With the Abraham Accords as one of your crowning achievements as President, we know you will prioritize their expansion in the coming years. As such, we write today to urge you to nominate a Presidential Envoy for the Abraham Accords, Negev Forum, and Related Integration and Normalization Fora and Agreements in accordance with existing law (22 USC 2735a).

In the 118th Congress, Congress passed legislation to create this position in the Fiscal Year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The goal of the Presidential Envoy is to strengthen the regional integration of Israel in the Middle East and expand normalization agreements between Israel and Muslim-majority nations. Having an official solely dedicated to the Abraham Accords, to work complimentary with other Administration officials in the Middle East, is key to a cohesive, effective, and long-lasting normalization effort.

Unfortunately, President Biden failed to nominate an individual for this position. In fact, at a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing this past June, the State Department stated that there was never even a short list of candidates. The Biden Administration's clear indifference to the Abraham Accords was incomprehensible, bad policy, and after the NDAA's passage in 2023, unlawful.


In light of President Biden's shortcomings, we urge you to make this nomination an immediate priority. We know expanding the Abraham Accords remains a key priority for your Administration and having a Presidential Envoy will be a key player in spearheading these efforts. We look forward to working with both you and the Presidential Envoy in the future to strengthen Israel's role in the Middle East and reach long-lasting stability in the region.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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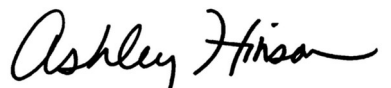
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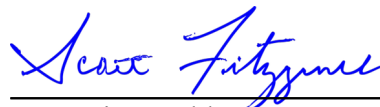
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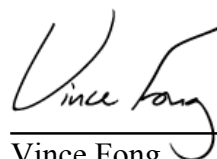
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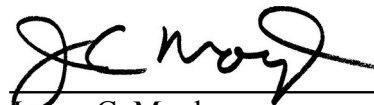
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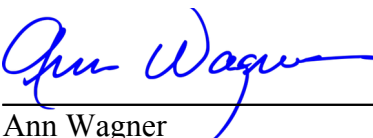
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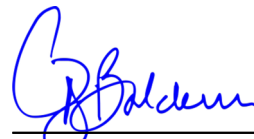
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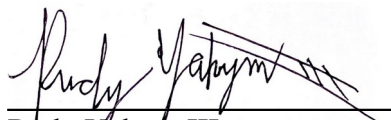
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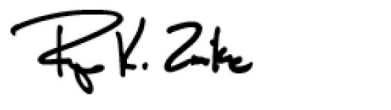
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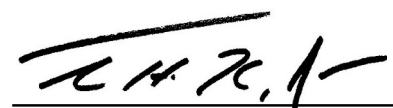
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