



Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT)

The Honorable Chris Murphy
United States Senate
136 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murphy,

On behalf of the Jewish Federations of Connecticut, with some 135,000 constituents, we are writing to express our deep disappointment with your recent vote in support of the three resolutions introduced by Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), which sought to block the transfer of critical defense weapons to Israel.

As you know, Israel is America's strongest ally in the Middle East and faces persistent and unique security threats. These transfers are not merely transactions of military equipment; they are a tangible demonstration of the United States' unwavering commitment to Israel's right to self-defense and regional stability. Blocking such support risks undermining this critical partnership and emboldening those who seek to harm Israel and destabilize the region, particularly Iran and its proxies.

The Jewish Federations across Connecticut are deeply concerned that your vote could be perceived as signaling a weakening of U.S. support for Israel—at a time when clear and unequivocal backing is needed most. It is needed most because our relationship with Israel is strategic, reciprocal, and critical for our national security—and theirs.

Israel's safety and security depend not only on its defensive capabilities, which you have supported in the past, but also on its ability to deter and respond proactively to threats. Denying these transfers jeopardizes Israel's security and undermines the shared strategic and democratic values that bind our two nations.

As you are aware, much of the rising hatred against Jews is fueled by hateful rhetoric targeting Israel. Israel's detractors seize every opportunity to portray it as a racist, apartheid, or colonialist state. This narrative is not only immoral and ahistorical but also blatantly untruthful—and yet, it persists. Actions by our government that suggest Israel cannot be trusted to act morally or to protect innocent lives only serve to reinforce this false narrative.

This rhetoric harms not only Israel but also the Jewish community here at home. We know that Israel is the only party in this conflict that actively works to protect innocent lives, and yet, these distortions give further ammunition to those who wish to delegitimize Israel as an “unholy Zionist entity” and target its supporters with scorn and hate.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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