

H.Res.246

- Pushes Back on Attempts to Delegitimize Israel
- Emphasizes First Amendment Protections
- Supports a Two-State Solution
- Has 336 Cosponsors, Including 9 of 11 Vice-Chairs of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and 70 percent of the Democratic Caucus

➤ **BDS makes a two-state solution more difficult.** The Global Boycott, Divest, Sanction (BDS) Movement pressures and delegitimizes only one party to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, making the path toward a two-state solution more difficult. It does nothing to encourage either party to resume negotiations or enhance a better understanding of the complexity of the conflict. The resolution underscores that support for a two-state solution and support for BDS are not compatible.

➤ **H.Res.246 reaffirms strong support for a negotiated solution** to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resulting in two states—a democratic Jewish State of Israel, and a viable, democratic Palestinian state—living side-by-side in peace, security, and mutual recognition.

➤ **H. Res. 246 does nothing to restrict free speech.** Any individuals who want to express themselves in any way—by criticizing a government or country, or by choosing to purchase or not purchase a product—are absolutely guaranteed that right under the First Amendment. In fact, this resolution celebrates the role that boycotts and similar tools have played in promoting racial justice and other forms of social change in the United States, South Africa, and other parts of the world.

➤ **H. Res. 246 rejects the false choice** between the right to criticize—our sacred right to free speech—and support for a two-state solution for Israelis and Palestinians. The overwhelming majority of Congress believes in both, and this resolution is a testament to that fact.

➤ **J Street, AIPAC, Ameinu, National Council of Jewish Women, Partners for Progressive Israel and Reconstructing Judaism have endorsed H. Res. 246,** which was drafted in consultation with a wide variety of stakeholders.

