

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write to urge you to instruct your UN Ambassador, Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, to oppose and veto any anti-Israel resolution put to a vote before the UN Security Council.

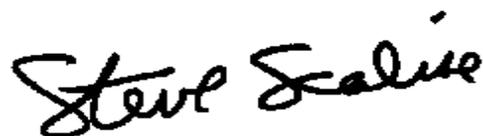
For decades, both Republican and Democrat Presidents held the position that it was the policy of the United States to oppose and veto one-sided or anti-Israel resolutions at the United Nations Security Council. When President Obama and his UN Ambassador broke from that precedent in 2016 and abstained on the anti-Israel UN Security Council Resolution 2334, an overwhelming bipartisan majority of House Members joined together to say, “the passage of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 undermines the prospect of Israelis and Palestinians resuming productive, direct negotiations.” Notably, the 2016 abstention did not contribute to any progress in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. Breaking from long-standing precedent did not advance the cause of peace.

As the UN Security Council once again moves to consider another one-sided, biased, anti-Israel resolution, it is imperative that the United States maintain its position that only direct negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians can yield progress. For this reason, we urge your Administration to use the voice and vote of the United States to oppose and veto any anti-Israel action, including resolutions, at the UN Security Council.

Sincerely,



KEVIN McCARTHY
Speaker of the House



STEVE SCALISE
Majority Leader



MICHAEL T. McCAUL
Chairman
House Foreign Affairs Committee