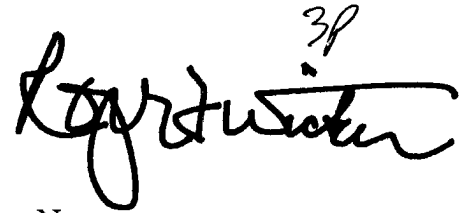


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Purpose: To express the sense of Congress in support of  
 the Israeli Iron Dome defensive weapon system.

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1 At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the fol-  
 2 lowing:

3 SEC. 1246. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ISRAELI IRON

4 DOME DEFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEM.

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
 6 ings:

7 (1) The citizens of Israel have suffered under a  
 8 continual barrage of missiles, rockets, and mortar  
 9 shells from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

1           (2) Hamas has been designated by the Sec-  
2           retary of State as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

3           (3) Hamas and other terrorist groups in Gaza  
4           have routinely used human shields and launched  
5           rockets from civilian areas.

6           (4) Israel has gone to extraordinary lengths to  
7           avoid Palestinian civilian casualties, including  
8           aborting attacks on military targets because of the  
9           presence of civilians, alerting civilians to leave areas  
10          of potential conflict, and allowing the importation of  
11          medical and other supplies into Gaza.

12          (5) Israel faces additional rocket and missile  
13          threats from Lebanon and Syria.

14          (6) The Government of Iran has supplied  
15          Hamas with advanced longer range missiles such as  
16          the Fajar-5.

17          (7) Hamas has deployed these weapons to be  
18          fired from within their own civilian population.

19          (8) The Government of Israel, taking seriously  
20          the threat of short range rockets and mortars, de-  
21          signed, developed, and produced the Iron Dome sys-  
22          tem to address those threats.

23          (9) The Iron Dome system has successfully  
24          intercepted hundreds of rockets targeting population  
25          centers in Israel.

1           (10) The Iron Dome system has maintained a  
2           success rate of close to 90 percent.

3           (11) The Government of Israel currently main-  
4           tains 5 Iron Dome batteries, a number insufficient  
5           to protect all of Israel.

6           (12) It appears that approximately 10 addi-  
7           tional Iron Dome batteries are needed to protect all  
8           of Israel.

9           (13) The United States Government, recog-  
10          nizing the threat to Israeli citizens and desirous of  
11          promoting peace, approved funding to assist the  
12          Government of Israel in procuring Iron Dome bat-  
13          teries.

14          (14) Israel maintains a significant inventory of  
15          Iron Dome interceptors which has been reduced due  
16          to attacks from Gaza.

17          (15) Israel used a significant number of preci-  
18          sion-guided munitions in order to destroy military  
19          targets while minimizing civilian casualties in its re-  
20          cent defensive effort in Gaza.

21          (16) President Barack Obama has expressed  
22          his intention to seek additional funding for Iron  
23          Dome and other United States-Israel missile defense  
24          systems.

25          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

1           (1) reaffirms its commitment to the security of  
2           our ally and strategic partner, Israel;

3           (2) fully supports Israel's right to defend itself  
4           against acts of terrorism;

5           (3) sympathizes with the families of Israelis  
6           who have come under the indiscriminate rocket fire  
7           from Hamas-controlled Gaza;

8           (4) recognizes the exceptional success of the  
9           Iron Dome Missile Defense system in defending the  
10          population of Israel;

11          (5) desires to help ensure that Israel has the  
12          means to defend itself against terrorist attacks, in-  
13          cluding through the acquisition of additional Iron  
14          Dome batteries and interceptors; and

15          (6) urges the Departments of Defense and  
16          State to explore with their Israeli counterparts and  
17          alert Congress of any needs the Israeli Defense  
18          Force may have for additional Iron Dome batteries,  
19          interceptors, or other equipment depleted during the  
20          current conflict.