

Why We Must Stand With Israel as Rockets Fly

Last week, Israel was pounded by what seemed like an endless stream of rocket attacks. The explosions and bloodshed serve as a reminder that our ally is an island of freedom in a sea of turmoil. Now, as always, the only flourishing democracy in the Middle East needs our unwavering support.

President Trump, thankfully, has expressed that the United States is firmly committed to Israel: "Once again, Israel faces a barrage of deadly rocket attacks by terrorist groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad. We support Israel 100% in its defense of its citizens ..."

Last year, the president made a decision past presidents—despite promising to do so—had been too timid to make, to uphold the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 and officially move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. This week marks the one-year celebration of the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, a historic event.

Trump's decision not only strengthened the United States' relationship with our closest ally in the Middle East, but it signaled to the international community that America has new leadership willing to keep promises and to act boldly in the best interest of the American people and the world, rather than cave to the demands of terrorists and dictators.

What a relief to know Israel and the United States stand together! We must remember if the outcome of the 2016 election had been different, America's support for Israel may not have been so certain.

Imagine what would become of our country—and of Israel—if voters didn't bring their Judeo-Christian values to bear on the next elections! We cannot afford to wait to put our

strategy into place. We must roll up our sleeves and act now to reach and equip faith voters with the right information to cast their ballots.

That's why My Faith Votes has a goal of reaching 90 million Christians in America to vote in 2020 and most importantly, to vote in support of Israel and policies that advance peace and freedom. We've already started working on voter mobilization in every state and district in America and will not stop until we do.

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