

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to you regarding your recent statement about potential recognition of Israeli sovereignty over Judea and Samaria. As members of the Friends of Judea and Samaria Caucus, we strongly urge you to recognize the right of Israel to declare sovereignty over this biblically and historically significant region and commend you for your strong and tireless support for individuals living in this region.

As you know, Judea and Samaria comprise the Judeo-Christian biblical heartland, where over 80 percent of the Torah and Old Testament took place. This region is the heart of our shared Judeo-Christian heritage and recognition of the right of Israel to declare sovereignty over this region would build upon your previous recognition of the importance of this heritage. In 2021, you recognized the City of David as a “testament to America’s Judeo-Christian heritage and founding principles.” Like the City of David, Judea and Samaria are integral parts of the Judeo-Christian heritage on which our nation was founded.

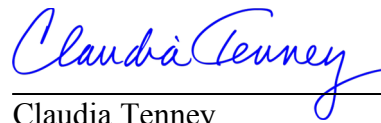
While radical left-wing actors seek to remove historically significant statues and erase the legacy of our Founding Fathers, you have stood firm in defending our nation’s heritage. Your unwavering commitment to preserving our nation’s history reflects your understanding that our strength and resilience are deeply rooted in our connection to the past. Recognizing the critical role that Judea and Samaria have played in shaping our shared Judeo-Christian heritage will only further these efforts.

As such, in anticipation of a potential policy announcement regarding Judea and Samaria in the next few weeks, we want to express our strong support for recognizing Israel’s right to declare sovereignty over this historically and biblically significant region. We also wish to express our strong opposition to the recognition of any hostile Arab state in Judea and Samaria that supports terrorism and fails to recognize Israel.

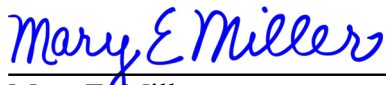
Additionally, we applaud your decision to rescind Executive Order 14115 which unnecessarily targeted Israelis living in Judea and Samaria. While we condemn violence and property destruction, this vague and overreaching executive order simply sought to punish Israelis for living in Judea and Samaria. Your decision to rescind this harmful executive order on Day 1 of your administration demonstrates your strong commitment to communities in Judea and Samaria.

We are grateful for your continued steadfast support for our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel. We thank you for your time and attention to this matter and look forward to working with you to support Israelis living in Judea and Samaria and the protection of this vital region.

Sincerely,



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