November 2, 2023

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510  Washington, D.C. 20510  

The Honorable Mike Johnson  The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Speaker of the House  Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries,

We respectfully request the swift passage of the President’s request for Fiscal Year 2024 emergency supplemental funding, which includes vital procurement resources for Israel’s Iron Dome Defense System and David’s Sling short-range ballistic missile defense capabilities. On October 7th, Hamas terrorists murdered over 1,400 innocent civilians, including at least 32 American citizens. While the United States took immediate action to support Israel and reduce the risk of a larger conflict in the region, this supplemental is necessary to build on that support and authorize the timely transfer of procurement funds to the government of Israel.

Israeli and U.S. adversaries in the region continue to develop more advanced short-, medium-, and long-range rocket, missile, and drone capabilities. These highly advanced missile defense systems have consistently been a critical factor in Israel’s self-defense, and further technological and operational advancements will prove critical moving forward. David’s Sling is designed to intercept missiles with ranges and trajectories for which Iron Dome and other interceptors are not optimally configured. Around 55% of the Iron Dome system’s components and 75% of the Tamir interceptor’s components are manufactured in the United States. These procurement funds support our defense industrial base while supporting Israel in its time of need. U.S.-Israel cooperative missile defense programs remain a win-win for the United States, as they save lives and advance U.S. objectives by protecting one of our closest allies.

Iron Dome is protecting innocent civilian lives during the Israel-Hamas war, underscoring the necessity and appropriateness of these additional procurement resources.
We appreciate your leadership and consideration of these requests to send a fitting message of support and strength to our greatest ally in the region.

Sincerely,

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