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Indiana House of Representatives Unanimously Passes House Resolution Supporting Israel, Denouncing BDS

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The Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council, the advocacy arm of the Indianapolis Jewish community, thanks the Indiana House of Representatives for the unanimous passage of [House Resolution 59](#), which reaffirms its support for the State of Israel and declares that the State of Indiana boldly stands against the Boycotts Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement. Indiana is now the second state in the country to publicly oppose the BDS movement for “seeking to undermine the Jewish people’s right to self-determination, which they are currently fulfilling in the State of Israel.”

The BDS movement is a growing effort to delegitimize and isolate the Jewish State of Israel and undermine the internationally-backed peace process and negotiated two-state solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Indiana Jewish Community applauds the General Assembly for recognizing that BDS tactics are divisive, focusing solely on Israel, thereby creating a distorted picture of the region, which will only make peace harder to achieve.

In an interview with media following the passage of HR 59, Speaker of the House Brian Bosma stated, “This is not new, that there are those that would deny the State of Israel the right to exist, or the right of the Jewish people to exist. Our state and country needs to stand firm with the only strong and functional democracy, and our strongest, ally in the Middle-East.”

Indiana continues to be a leader across the country when it comes to state-wide support of Israel. In recent years Indiana has moved to strengthen formal economic ties with Israeli companies and continues to be the largest per capita investor in Israel Bonds. The General Assembly has also passed legislation to ensure that tax payer dollars are not going to companies doing business in Iran, which is known to fund terrorist activities that target both Israel and the United States.

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