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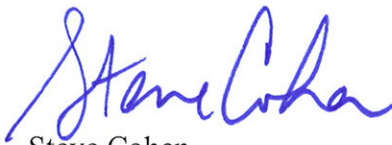
Dear Colleague,

I invite you to join us in sending a clear message of support to President Obama as he begins his first official meetings with leaders of the Arab world and Israel. As the president prepares to host leaders from the Middle East at the White House and also to give a major address to the Muslim world in Cairo, support from the U.S. Congress for his Middle East agenda is critical.

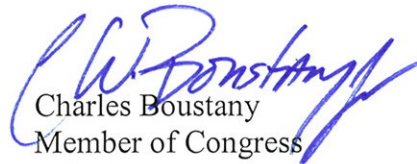
As you know, President Obama is committed to providing active American diplomatic leadership in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian and broader Arab-Israeli conflicts. Achieving these goals is essential for American interests in the Middle East, for Israel's long-term security as a Jewish, democratic state, and for the region as a whole. This letter affirms congressional support for the administration's commitment to a two-state solution between the Israelis and Palestinians, as well as to a broader comprehensive regional peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

Please join us in demonstrating congressional support for President Obama as he embarks on this critical effort in the days and months ahead. Please contact Marilyn Dillihay in my office at marilyn.dillihay@mail.house.gov or at 53265 to co-sign this letter to President Obama.

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
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