

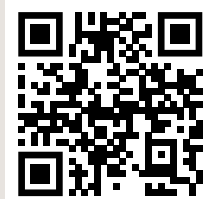


CHRISTIANS UNITED FOR ISRAEL

SUMMIT POLICY

Each year Christians United for Israel (CUFI) lobbies our elected officials in support of legislation on such issues as strengthening the US-Israel relationship, confronting these two nation's shared adversaries, and combating antisemitism wherever it is found. This year, as a result of our Summit being held in Dallas, we are engaging our legislators via an email Action Alert. We did the same last year and it generated more than 300,000 emails into Congress. Below you will find background information about this year's Summit legislative agenda.

We ask that you familiarize yourselves with these issues and take action by using this link cufi.org/summitaction or via this QR code:



ITEM 1: THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 HOUSE AND SENATE STATE-FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

"American support for the state of Israel offers the greatest return on investment of any foreign aid the US provides. The values that we as Americans hold dear are the same values Israel defends. The Jewish state is a beacon of stability and freedom in the Middle East, and despite the challenges Israelis face, they have never and will never ask American service members to fight on their behalf."

– Pastor John Hagee
CUFI FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN

BACKGROUND:

This annual legislation appropriates \$3.3 billion in American military assistance to Israel. This assistance ensures Israel's ability to defend itself and directly benefits the US as well. Over 75 percent of this assistance must be spent in the United States, thereby supporting high quality American jobs, and ensuring America maintains our military manufacturing superiority in an uncertain world. Such support, which accounts for less than one percent of the federal budget also ensures Israel has the quantitative and qualitative advantage it needs to defend itself.

This assistance also helps ensure that Israel is best positioned to provide the US with vital intelligence exceptional military related technological advancements which help protect American troops, and a true safe zone for American servicemen and women in the Middle East

KEY POINTS:

The current version of the State-Foreign Operations Bill includes the full \$3.3 billion with no conditions as outlined by the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and Israel.

This version, currently in the House of Representatives, also includes an array of restrictions on assistance to Palestinian organizations in the West Bank and Gaza as it has in previous years. **However**, unlike last year, this version includes \$225M in economic support for programs in the West Bank and Gaza.

Money is fungible and as such, we oppose the funding to the West Bank and Gaza and urge the Senate not to include such funding in their forthcoming version and oppose any such funding in the final version of the state-foreign operations bill.

We urge Congress to advance the State-Foreign Operations Bill with the full \$3.3B, with no conditions, as prescribed by the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding signed by then President Barack Obama and then Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

ITEM 2: THE US-ISRAEL CYBERSECURITY COOPERATION ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2021 (S. 1193/ H.R. 2659)

“One of the many ways in which the US benefits from its relationship with Israel is through the cutting-edge technology consistently flowing from the Jewish state. In recent years we have seen a dramatic increase in attempted cyber-attacks from our foes. The US-Israel Cybersecurity Cooperation Enhancement Act would enhance the ability of these two nations to work collaboratively to confront this ever-present threat.”

– Pastor John Hagee
CUFI FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the 2008 “Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the State of Israel on Cooperation in Science and Technology for Homeland Security Matters,” this legislation would establish a grant program at the Department of Homeland Security to promote cooperative research and development between the United States and Israel on cybersecurity.

Private companies, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and government entities in the United States and Israel would be eligible for the grants but are required to be working jointly with corresponding institutions in the other country.

KEY POINTS:

As cybersecurity threats continue to grow, it is mutually beneficial for the United States and Israel to work in tandem to secure both nations against any cyber aggression or malicious intent attempted through cyber technology.

This bill would support cybersecurity research and development, demonstration and commercialization of cybersecurity technology - allowing for an authorization of not less than \$6,000,000 for each fiscal year from 2022 through 2026.

The legislation includes a reporting requirement due no later than 180 days after the date of a project completion for which a grant is provided. The grant recipient will submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security a report that lays out a description of how the grant funds were used and an evaluation of the level of success of each project funded.

ITEM 3: THE HEZBOLLAH IN LATIN AMERICA ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021 (S. 1651)

“Through its proxy terrorists like Hezbollah, Iran’s tentacles reach across the Middle East and around the world. If we are to confront this menace, we must do so wherever and however it rears its ugly head. The Hezbollah in Latin America Accountability Act ensures we focus on Hezbollah’s presence in South America, and we are proud to support this legislation.”

– Pastor John Hagee
CUFI FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN

BACKGROUND:

Iran is the world’s leading state sponsor of terror and Hezbollah is among the most deadly and destructive terrorist organizations in the world. Hezbollah’s financing and sophistication make it a terrorist-army that has shown its ability to kill innocent people far from its home base in Lebanon.

KEY POINTS:

The bill targets one of Iran’s proxies, Hezbollah, by requiring detailed reporting of known operatives, recruiting methods, and resources of the terrorist group as they stretch across the globe to Latin America.

This legislation has yet to be introduced in the House of Representatives but enjoys bipartisan support in the Senate.



With more than 10 million members, **Christians United for Israel** is the largest pro-Israel organization in the United States and one of the leading Christian grassroots movements in the world. CUFI spans all fifty states and reaches millions with its educational message.