



June 9, 2020

Dear Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate,

We write to you as former Israeli lawmakers and members of the Israeli Peace Parliament to express our sincere opposition to the Israeli government's proposed unilateral annexation of the West Bank. We believe that annexation is severely detrimental to Israel's security, Israeli democracy, Palestinian rights, and regional stability.

If Israel continues down this path, it will threaten Israel's democracy, undermine its critical relationships with democratic countries abroad, and significantly alter Israel's standing in the world. We also echo the messages of our colleagues, members of Israel's security establishment, who have consistently and unequivocally warned that annexation will jeopardize Israel's security and our strategic regional relationships, putting Israelis at great risk.

As Israelis committed to the well-being of our Palestinian neighbors, we cannot also ignore the ways in which unilateral annexation increasingly infringes upon Palestinian human rights. In order to safeguard Israel's future as a democratic homeland for the Jewish people and to preserve hope for a negotiated resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, it is imperative that we speak out against unilateral annexation. Whether this move will take form in a government decision or through legislation in the Knesset, it will inevitably create an unfathomable reality of apartheid in Israel.

Such moves are not only harmful to Israelis and Palestinians, they also have serious ramifications for the future of U.S. foreign policy in the region as well as for the strategic U.S.-Israel relationship.

At this critical moment, we support and are grateful for our American allies who are speaking out against unilateral annexation. Your expressions of concern and care for a treasured ally and for the vital U.S.-Israel bipartisan relationship are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

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