

## **DRAFT Statement on Representative Pramila Jayapal's Comments on Israel**

**WASHINGTON D.C.** — Today, July XX, 2023, U.S Representatives [TBD] released the following statement regarding Representative Pramila Jayapal's comments on Israel, our most important ally in the Middle East.

“We are deeply concerned about Representative Pramila Jayapal's unacceptable comments about our historic, democratic ally Israel, and we appreciate her retraction.

Israel remains the only vibrant, progressive, and inclusive democracy in the region. Arab parties serve in the Knesset, women serve at the highest levels of the military, and the country remains an oasis for LGBTQ+ people in a region hostile toward the community. Pluralism flourishes in Israel.

Israel is the legitimate homeland of the Jewish people and efforts to delegitimize and demonize it are not only dangerous and antisemitic, but they also undermine America's national security. Israel is critical to our fight against terror, and our defense and intelligence collaboration continues to strengthen our leadership in the world. Israel remains our greatest partner for peace in the Middle East.

Regardless of extremist views from groups aligned with either party, efforts to rewrite history and question the Jewish State's right to exist, or our historic bipartisan relationship, will never succeed in Congress. We remain committed to peace between Israel and the Palestinians to establish two-states that exist side-by-side in peace, prosperity, and mutual security.

We will never allow anti-Zionist voices that embolden antisemitism to hijack the Democratic Party and country.”

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