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Assemblyman Edgar Flores
Nevada Legislature
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Dear Assemblyman Flores,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Nevada Senate Bill 26 (SB26), legislation that reaffirms Nevada's strong relationship with Israel.

The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) campaign is a global movement that places political pressure on, economically burdens, and ultimately culturally delegitimizes one of the United States' strongest allies, Israel. SB 26 promotes prudent economic policy by dictating that the State of Nevada will not contract with or invest in companies that engage in the global BDS movement against Israel.

In practice, SB 26 would require anti-BDS provisions within Nevada public purchasing contracts and investments to address and inhibit the economic burdens placed on Israel and Israeli businesses by the BDS movement. It should be noted that SB 26 does not restrict a business's right to refrain from doing business for bona fide economic or business reasons.

Nevada now has the opportunity to join this growing list of states that have enacted binding anti-BDS legislation and accompany their efforts in demonstrating our friendship and support of Israel. SB 26's dedication to ensuring sound economic policy for Nevada is of paramount importance for our state and I strongly encourage your support of this legislation.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress