

United States Senate

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The Honorable Edgar Flores
Legislative Building
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701-4747

Dear Chairman Flores and Members of the Assembly Government Affairs Committee,

As a strong supporter of our ally Israel, I have been proud to cosponsor legislation in the U.S. Senate for the past two Congresses that would increase protections for state and local governments in the U.S. that work to combat boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) activity targeting Israel. That is why I am pleased to also support Nevada Senate Bill 26 (SB26), which would ensure the State of Nevada will not contract with or invest in companies that engage in BDS activities against Israel.

Israel is one of America's strongest allies, and it is critical that the U.S. show support for countering efforts to economically isolate Israel. As a cosponsor of the Combating BDS Act (S.170) in the Senate, I am fighting to ensure Nevada has the ability to pass legislation like SB26 to prevent the BDS movement that seeks to delegitimize the Jewish state.

Nevada's SB26 would specifically require anti-BDS provisions within Nevada public purchasing contracts and investments to ensure the state is not engaging with entities that carry out such harmful policies against Israel. This effort, in conjunction with legislation introduced in Congress, will keep our promise to stand by this critical ally.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the U.S. Senate and in the State of Nevada to ensure our state is a leader in demonstrating its commitment to Israel.

Sincerely,



DEAN HELLER
U.S. Senator