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To the Nevada State Senate:

I write this letter to confirm my support for Nevada Senate Bill 26, which moves to counter the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction (BDS) movement and reaffirm the State of Nevada's strong support for the state of Israel. The BDS movement seeks to unfairly punish Israel by exerting outside financial pressure and economic burdens on it as a means to influence the process under which Israelis and Palestinians negotiate to end their longstanding conflict and forge lasting peace.

Peace between Israel and the Palestinians must result from direct bilateral negotiations that leave no question about the intent of the parties to achieve long-term security and safety. Imposing outside sanctions to marginalize Israel and coerce Israeli leaders into forced decisions benefits neither party. Lasting peace simply cannot be imposed from outside.

I support SB 26's purpose in requiring the Administration and state agencies to include anti-BDS provisions within Nevada public purchasing contracts and investments to inhibit undue economic strain on Israel and Israeli business. We should stand by our friends, and strengthen our state's growing ties with Israel. Recently, WaterStart signed a landmark memorandum of understanding with Israel's National Technological Innovation Authority on water-use innovation. We must continue to foster that kind of cooperation.

Thirteen other states have enacted binding anti-BDS legislation and now it's time for Nevada to join them in demonstrating our friendship and support of Israel. I hope that you all will give this bill your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacky Rosen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Congresswoman Jacky Rosen
Nevada's 3rd Congressional District