

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-2801

March 7, 2017


Dear Chairman Parks,

I write in support of Senate Bill 26, which would bar the State of Nevada from entering into contracts or investing in companies involved in the Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) campaign against the State of Israel. This legislation will send a strong signal that the State of Nevada opposes the hateful BDS campaign designed to delegitimize, and isolate our ally. While other governments take steps to criminalize relationships with Israel, this action makes clear that Nevada values its strong partnership with our friend and ally.

The BDS movement is a thinly veiled campaign of antisemitism designed to attack the State of Israel through economic means. Companies in Nevada have worked closely with their counterparts in Israel on important technological developments, including solar energy, water conservation, and telecommunications. Every year, Nevada companies have exported nearly \$150,000,000 in goods and services to Israel, our 8th largest trading partner.

The relationship between Israel and Nevada is mutually beneficial and must be continuously strengthened. I encourage you to pass this legislation and for Governor Sandoval to sign it into law.

Sincerely,

  
Member of Congress

CC: Lieutenant Governor Mark Hutchison