



Dear President Trump,

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The Endowment for Middle East Truth (EMET) would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Washington, and to congratulate you on your stunning electoral victory.

It is our deeply held opinion that President Obama treated many of America's enemies, such as Iran, as friends, and treated our allies, such as Israel, with complete and utter disdain.

In fact, Israel and the Sunni Arab nations, who were to be among the most affected by the Iranian nuclear deal, did not even have a seat at the table during the Iranian negotiations. Unfortunately, Iran has become vastly enriched and tremendously emboldened by this deal, as it remains the world's chief sponsor of radical Islamic terrorism, both Sunni and Shiite alike.

President Obama and his nuclear deal with Iran has undone all of the hard work of year and years of sanctions. We are depending on you, to once again, start putting a strict sanctions regime into place against Iran for its support for international terrorism and its aggressive behavior towards the United States and her allies.

We also believe that sanctions without a credible threat of military force sends a weak and ineffectual message to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

We, at EMET, have long felt that many in the State Department have looked at the Israeli-Palestinian issue as the sole lynchpin of gaining peace throughout the Middle East, and have put too much emphasis on that issue, alone, as though that would make the 14 century old Sunni and Shiite conflict suddenly disappear.

We also saw that over the past eight years, President Obama has laid the entire responsibility for the lack of progress in the peace negotiations solely on the doorstep of Israel. While demands were constantly being made on the Israelis, the Palestinians simply sat back while President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry did their bidding.

In fact, President Obama had totally ignored a commitment that President George W. Bush had made in a letter to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on April 14, 2004, just prior to the Gaza withdrawal that stated: "In light of new realities on the ground it is unrealistic to expect that the outcome of the final status

negotiations will be a full and complete return to the armistice lines of 1949, and all previous efforts to negotiate a two state solution have reached the same conclusion."

Moreover, we believe that the "land for peace" paradigm has been tried over the last 23 years, but has not gotten us any closer to that elusive goalpost of peace. Although Israel has given up land, the Palestinians have used the Oslo process as a fig-leaf to get American and the international community's taxpayers' money while they have constantly ignored their one fundamental obligation under Oslo, the Hebron Accords, the Wye Agreement, Camp David and every other subsequent agreement, to immediately cease the incitement to hate and to murder Jews, and to halt the terrorism.

Since the 23 years from the signing of the Oslo Accords in September of 1993, 71 Americans, including two unborn babies, have been killed by Palestinian terrorists. We, at EMET, have worked very hard to have an office opened within the Department of Justice to ensure that there is, as is engraved on the edifice of the Supreme Court, "Equal Justice Under the Law," for all Americans. The name of this office is "The Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism." It has been open for almost 12 years, in which time the office has not prosecuted a single Palestinian terrorist who has murdered an American citizen, despite the fact that there is a statute on our books that says anytime an American is killed or harmed overseas, we can seize that suspect, extradite him, prosecute him, and have him serve his punishment on our shores. It is heartbreaking to watch as these American victims and their families have been treated as the disposable pawns on some State Department chess board.

All of this sends a dangerous mixed message to would-be terrorists around the globe that we are ambivalent in our resolve when it comes to radical Islamic terrorism against Americans citizens. And we know that every time an Islamic terrorist kills an American and literally gets away with murder, it serves to reinforce and encourage would be terrorists around the globe.

We are hopeful that the Department of Justice under Attorney General Jeff Sessions will finally put an end to this galling travesty of justice.

We are delighted that you have recognized Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capitol, and that a united Jerusalem is the only way to guarantee religious freedom for all faiths.

We are also delighted that you recognize that Israel cannot be expected to survive in that incredibly complicated, rapidly imploding Middle East if it were forced to live within the boundaries that UN Security Council Resolution 2334 had specified, making Israel simply 9 miles wide in its narrowest waist.

Speaking of the United Nations, we believe that it is high time for reform of that institution. America pays 22% of UN dues, while the UN is funding bodies within it that serve to be diametrically opposed to the UN's founding mission, such as UNWRA. UNWRA's mission is to keep the Palestinian issue festering and to teach their children in their schools that they will one day return home to their great-grandfathers' vineyards in Haifa, while the UN High Commissioner for Refugees' mission is to resettle the refugees of war into their adopted countries so that they can adjust there, survive and thrive.

We know that unfortunately America is now a deeply divided nation. Part of the problem stems from the way America's proud history is taught on our nation's college campuses. At the core of this is a program called Title VI of The Higher Education Opportunities Act, which gives grants to our universities to support their regional studies programs. Many of them, particularly the Middle Eastern Studies Programs, are steeped in anti-America, anti-Israeli and post-colonial invective, substituting pure

propaganda for solid scholarship. The most pernicious part of this is that in order to get the funding, the university professors have to offer teacher-training workshops to teachers of Kindergarten through 12th grade, transferring their biases to our nation's most vulnerable, young students. This has been going on for quite some time, and it is an issue that we, at EMET, have been fighting on the legislative level. It is no wonder that many of our recent college grads are so terribly unappreciative of what America is all about.

We believe that "America first" means that America should have a robust foreign policy. Under the retreat of President Obama, all of the most nefarious actors such as ISIS, Iran, China, Russia, North Korea and Erdogan's Turkey flexed their muscles. We believe "America first" also means America and her allies and our strong national security interests around the globe.

President Trump, we are delighted that once again, someone is sitting in the oval office that appreciates the difference between good and evil, between right and wrong, and between friend and foe. And we believe deeply that you appreciate that the State of Israel is the greatest, most stable ally, national security asset and friend that we have in that increasingly radicalized and rapidly imploding region of the world that is the Middle East.

Welcome to Washington, President Trump! It has been a long eight years, and we are delighted to have you here.

Sincerely,

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