



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
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Dear Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell,

While Republican and Democrats have plenty of issues that divide them, one of the things which the world respects about America is that we can proceed on subjects on which we agree, despite our other differences. One such issue is The Taylor Force Act (TFA).

In December 2017, the House of Representatives passed, with overwhelming bipartisan support, the Taylor Force Act – key legislation which conditions aid to the Palestinian Authority (PA) until it stops financially rewarding Palestinian terrorists through their “martyrs’ fund” and “prisoners’ fund.” The bill also calls on the PA to take steps to end acts of violence against the U.S. and Israeli citizens, including publicly condemning acts of terrorism, and helping to bring Palestinian terrorists to justice.

We are writing to encourage you to bring the Taylor Force Act to the floor for a full vote, so that it may be sent to President Trump to enshrine into law.

The bill is named for former U.S. Army officer and Vanderbilt University graduate Taylor Force, an American citizen who served one tour of duty in Iraq and one tour of duty in Afghanistan and came home unscathed, only to be stabbed to death in Israel in March 2016 by a Palestinian terrorist.

Palestinian terrorists that are arrested and imprisoned by Israel are glorified by the PA as heroes and treated as employees of the PA government. While in prison, these terrorists and their families are paid salaries and receive benefits as rewards for their service. The more heinous the crime, the more money the terrorists and their families receive.

Since September 2015, 62 innocent people have been killed by Palestinian terrorists in Israel and Judea and Samaria, and nearly 900 wounded. They have been killed or harmed by car rammings, stabbings, shootings, and bombing attacks. This includes many Americans, including U.S. Army veteran Taylor Force.

It is past time that the United States send a clear message: our government will no longer allow U.S. taxpayer dollars to fund the Palestinian Authority's revolting "pay for slay" pension program for terrorists and their families.

We strongly urge you to immediately bring the Taylor Force Act to the floor for a full vote, or to attach it to a legislative vehicle that will ensure it gets to President Trump's desk- where it belongs- as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for standing up for Israel, for America, and for all of the victims of Palestinian terrorism.

Sincerely,

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