Congressman King Reacts to Netanyahu's Address to Congress

Washington, DC - Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement after attending today's Joint Meeting of Congress to receive an address from the Prime Minister of Israel, Binyamin Netanyahu. Last week, President Barack Obama endorsed a Palestinian demand that the State of Israel return to its 1967 borders so that a "sovereign and contiguous" Palestinian state can be created. Obama's demand has been rejected by Prime Minister Netanyahu, who has stated that Obama's proposal would jeopardize Israel's security because a return to the 1967 borders would be "indefensible."

"By endorsing proposals that jeopardize Israel's security, President Obama has revealed that his disturbing vision for the Middle East includes both an 'Arab Spring' and an 'Israeli Winter,'" said King. "In his address, Prime Minister Netanyahu reminded Americans of our mutual interest in promoting individual liberty and democracy in a region that is often hostile to both principles. He also laid out an alternative vision for a negotiated peace in which Israel's security needs would be respected. Americans will be receptive to the approach articulated by Prime Minister Netanyahu, and I believe that Americans will stand with Israel as it seeks a peace which does not jeopardize its right to exist."

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