

# J Street's Anti-Israel Lobbying

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J Street claims to support Israel, but continuously defends Israel's detractors in Congress, weakening the American-Israeli partnership. By supporting politicians hostile to Israel and by attacking those who are pro-Israel, J Street tries to turn the American government, Israel's strongest ally, against the only Jewish state.

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**J Street endorses members of Congress who are hostile toward Israel. The following are just a few examples:**

- **Rep. John Dingell (D-MI)**
  - One of two Congressmen to vote against the U.S.-Israel Security Cooperation Act of 2012.
  - Publically stated, **"I don't take sides for or against Hezbollah, or for or against Israel."**
    - Hezbollah is an internationally recognized terrorist organization that openly calls for the genocide of Jews and the destruction of America and Israel. The group also fights alongside Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, as Assad gasses his own people.
  - J Street labeled Dingell as a "staunch ally of the pro-Israel pro-peace movement."<sup>i</sup>
- **Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN)**
  - Initiated the "Gaza 54" letter to President Obama urging Israel to risk its own security by opening its border to Gaza and allowing more potentially dangerous materials into the Hamas-controlled territory.
  - Before Israel initiated its naval blockade on Gaza Strip, Hamas -- the internationally recognized terrorist group that controls Gaza -- imported advanced weapons into the Strip and fired them at Israeli civilians.
- **Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA)**
  - Refused to sign a resolution in 2009 that both affirmed Israel's right to defend itself and condemned the Goldstone Report, an anti-Israel UN report that falsely accused Israel of committing war crimes.
    - Justice Goldstone later retracted his report, admitting it was filled with lies and biases against the Jewish state.
  - Declined to join 327 of her colleagues later that year in expressing support for a bipartisan letter "reaffirming the U.S.-Israel alliance."
- **Rep. George Miller (D-CA)**
  - Signed the "Gaza 54" letter.
  - Did not support a congressional statement voicing "solidarity" with Israel.
  - Did not vote in favor of a letter that reaffirmed U.S. support for Israel and recognized Israel's right to defend itself against Palestinian-Arab attacks.
- **Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)**
  - Signed "Gaza 54" letter.
  - Voted against a 2009 Iran sanctions bill.
    - Iran (at the time and still today) is the largest state sponsor of terrorism and continuously calls for the annihilation of America and Israel. Iran also funds Hezbollah, which until 9-11, killed more Americans than any other Islamic terrorist organization.<sup>ii</sup>
    - The sanctions were meant to try to curb Iran's nuclear weapons program.
  - Condemned Israel's defense against armed terrorists aboard the "Flotilla."

- In 2010, the IHH sponsored a flotilla to bring aid and weapons to Hamas, the terrorist group that controls Gaza. Video evidence<sup>iii</sup> shows that the “activists” aboard the flotilla attacked IDF soldiers, forcing them to defend themselves.
- The Turkish government raided the group’s office in Turkey in 2014 because of the group’s ties to al-Qaeda. Furthermore, the IHH is an Israeli-designated terrorist organization.

**J Street Attacks Pro-Israel Representatives. The following are just a few examples of legislators J Street attacks:**

- **Rep. Charlie Bass (R-NH)**<sup>iv</sup>
  - Co-sponsored the U.S.-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012.
  - J Street funded Bass’ opponent, who had virtually no Pro-Israel credentials, and gave money to the PAC running attack ads against Bass.<sup>v</sup>
- **Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL.)**<sup>vi</sup>
  - Co-sponsored the America Stands with Israel Act.
  - Has taken a strong stance against Iran’s pursuit of nuclear arms.
- **Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-NY)**
  - Issued a statement during Operation Pillar of Defense supporting Israel’s right to defend itself.
  - Issued a statement condemning corruption in the Palestinian Authority (PA).<sup>vii</sup>
  - Advocated for strong sanctions against Iran.
  - When Rep. Ackerman made a statement criticizing J Street, J Street accused him of lacking courage and vision.<sup>viii</sup>

J Street is more concerned with pushing its anti-Israel agenda in Congress than supporting candidates that are actually Pro-Israel. J Street cannot claim to be pro-Israel while influencing elections in America to turn the American government against Israel. By supporting Anti-Israel candidates and attacking Pro-Israel candidates, J Street shows its hostility toward the Jewish state.

<sup>i</sup> J Street PAC: John Dingell

<sup>ii</sup> Proxy Power. Daniel Byman. Slate. July 26, 2006.

<sup>iii</sup> Aerial Footage of IDF Soldiers Boarding the 7th Flotilla Boat without Incident. Israeli Defense Forces Youtube. June 5, 2010.

<sup>iv</sup> The Free Beacon: The Anti-Israel Lobby, May 23, 2012

<sup>v</sup> J Street Exposed: Funding Anti-Israel legislators. 2015

<sup>vi</sup> The Free Beacon: The Anti-Israel Lobby, May 23, 2012

<sup>vii</sup> Vote Smart: Ackerman Statement from Subcommittee Hearing on Palestinian Corruption

<sup>viii</sup> “J Street Responds to Rep. Gary Ackerman,” *J Street Blog*, January 25, 2011.