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The Honorable Tom Cotton
124 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cotton,

On behalf of the 24 Israeli Mayors representing the 450,000 residents of Judea & Samaria, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for introducing the Taylor Force Bill which will cut off funding to the Palestinian Authority if they continue rewarding and incentivizing terrorism through the paying of salaries to the family members of terrorists.

The Taylor Force Act is a perfect example of how the United States continues to lead the world in the war on terror. A society that honors and actually pays the family members of terrorists is a society that will only breed more terrorists. The Taylor Force Act not only prevents US taxpayers from becoming unwitting enablers of terrorism, but also highlights the contradictory actions and messages of the Palestinian Authority which harmful to the next generation of Palestinians and contradictory to the efforts to achieve a lasting peace in the region.

If we truly want to give peace and co-existence a chance to blossom, then removing the poisonous message that underlies the need for the Taylor Force Act is a critical first step. The PA should receive the very clear message that the US government will no longer look the other way when terrorists are publicly glorified. By exposing these blatant efforts to influence the next generation of Palestinians away from genuine peace efforts, your amendment actually gives peace a chance to take root.

Your leadership and the leadership of Senators, Joe Manchin, Bob Corker, Lindsay Graham, John Kennedy, James Risch, Mike Rounds, Todd Young, Roy Blunt, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz, Mike Crapo and Richard Shelby in advancing this bill is an important step in the direction of genuine peace and tolerance, and is greatly appreciated.

May Israel continue to be blessed with friends such as you.

Sincerely,



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