

Senator Patty Murray: A Long-Time Friend of Israel

Senator Patty Murray is currently facing ludicrous smears challenging her pro-Israel record. Throughout her three terms in the Senate, Murray has been a strong and reliable friend to Israel and has spoken out in support of both Israel's right to self-defense and its quest for peace.

Some of Murray's Pro-Israel Accomplishments Include:

- Standing with Israel in its fight against Hamas in Gaza during 2009's Operation Cast Lead http://tinyurl.com/yjtjve2
- Affirming the U.S.-Israel relationship <u>http://tinyurl.com/y39tr64</u>
- Consistently voting for military and economic aid to Israel
- Supporting Iran Sanctions <u>http://tinyurl.com/27v5mou</u>
- Calling for an end to the Arab economic boycott of Israel <u>http://tinyurl.com/2bdytfz</u>
- Regularly participating in pro-Israel conferences and rallies <u>http://tinyurl.com/27x8jj2 http://tinyurl.com/28x82gl</u>
- Visiting Israel as part of official delegations from the United States http://tinyurl.com/29rebqx http://tinyurl.com/2e6a2k3

Senator Murray in her own words:

On Israel's Right to Self-Defense:

"Israel has a fundamental responsibility to protect its people." – Joint Letter with Senator Maria Cantwell, January 11, 2009 http://tinyurl.com/yjtjve2

On Israel's Quest for Peace:

"It is time for the United States to increase efforts to end the appeal and influence of extremism in the Middle East. The [Obama Administration] must work to lead the international community toward a new serious and sustainable peace process." – Joint Letter with Senator Maria Cantwell, January 11, 2009 http://tinyurl.com/yjtjve2

Local Jewish Leaders on Senator Murray:

"Senator Murray expressed strong solidarity for Israel, noting that her own feelings have strengthened as she watched the toll terrorism has taken on Israel and the prospects for a permanent settlement between Israel and the Palestinian people." – *JTNews*, September 6, 2002 <u>http://tinyurl.com/2e6a2k3</u>