Today, Congressman Sires issued the following statement on the importance of the United States-Israel relationship during changing times in the Middle East:

"In the face of rapidly changing events in the Middle East, we must maintain our relationship with Israel.

"Assistance to Israel is an investment in future peace and stability abroad and will improve our national security at home. In reinforcing our relationship with the only true democracy in the region, we can show our commitment to the democratic principles that will ultimately ensure peace and stability in the Middle East."

Congressman Sires wrote an op-ed on this subject, which was published today in *Politico*. The text of the op-ed can be found
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