When I was a child, my father watched the weekly documentary World at War. For years, I watched the soul-bludgeoning recount of German atrocities against Jews.

I regularly asked my father: “Where were all the good Germans?” “I don’t know Teresa,” he would say. “Too many stood by.” I abhorred that cowardice.

I came to understand this persecution of the Jewish people based on faith and culture was not an isolated historic moment, but part of a continuum of an age-old and persistent struggle against bigotry - a cancer on humanity. Few appreciate that the effort to reinstate the Jewish homeland of Israel started well before WWII

My devotion to Israel and the Jewish people stems from a guttural compulsion that I am intolerant of intolerance. I am a champion for justice, and I will be that for Israel and Jewish people everywhere. I am committed to the sustained existence of Israel as America’s greatest ally in the Middle East and as a beacon of democracy and hope.

- Teresa Tomlinson

**MY SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL IS UNSHAKABLE IN THE FOLLOWING RESPECTS:**

- Israel’s right to exist.
- A sustainable two-state solution.
- Funding aid in support of Israel’s security.
- Continued strategic partnerships between Israel and the United States (U.S.).

For more than 70 years, the U.S. has had no greater or more stable ally in the Middle East than Israel. Both nations benefit from the continued cooperation on matters of intelligence and, the respective security of each of our nations. Thus, it is a top priority to support and strengthen the special relationship between the U.S. and Israel.

**SECURITY ASSISTANCE**

- I believe that a strong and secure Israel is in the best interest of the U.S. I am committed to substantial U.S. security assistance to Israel, currently set in the amount of $3.3 billion per year.

- I support, and will maintain, funding levels for missile and rocket defense programs, including the Iron Dome and David’s Sling.

- I will work to ensure that Israel maintains a Qualitative Military Edge (QME) so that it can confront any threat it faces in an unstable region.
IRAN

- I believe that Iran’s theocratic regime has an abysmal human rights record and continues to destabilize the region as the world’s leading state sponsor of terrorism. As such, Iran poses an existential threat to Israel and to America’s interests.

- I support sanctions to address Iran’s illicit behavior, including the Iran’s support of terrorism – in Syria and elsewhere - and its human rights abuse.

- I support efforts to prevent the flow of arms and funding to terrorist groups, including assets directly or indirectly supporting Hamas and Hezbollah.

PEACE

- I strongly support a two-state solution with a Jewish state living in peace and security next to a Palestinian state, and I believe such an agreement can be reached.

- I believe that any peace deal must ensure Israel’s security as a sovereign democratic state and a homeland for the Jewish people.

- I support Israel's right to defend itself against any and all terrorist attacks.

- I oppose actions that are counterproductive to the peace process or to the security of Israel, whether pursued at the United Nations or in other international forums.

BOYCOTT DIVESTMENT SANCTIONS (BDS)

- I believe that the BDS movement is counter-productive to the Middle East peace process and does not facilitate a two-state solution. Accordingly, I oppose the BDS movement.