

Michaud Statement on House Gaza Resolution

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“I supported this resolution because it calls for a two-state solution to the long-standing conflict. The goal is to ensure the welfare, security and survival of a fully recognized State of Israel, and establish a democratic Palestinian state living side-by-side in cooperation and peace. The resolution also supports and encourages efforts to diminish the appeal and influence of extremists in the Palestinian territories, and strengthen moderate Palestinians who are committed to a secure and lasting peace with Israel.

“Today’s resolution encourages the Administration to work actively to support a durable and sustainable cease-fire in Gaza. I encourage the current and incoming Administrations to more actively engage in Middle East peace talks within the region, and to support a two-state solution to the conflict.”

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