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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****
Press Conference

Congressional Leaders Announce
Formation of New Congressional Caucus

“Congressional Israel Allies Caucus”

Press Conference: Thursday, July 27, at 3pm, RHOB 2358

WASHINGTON, DC... Reps. Dave Weldon, M.D. (R-FL), Eliot Engel (D-NY), and Trent Franks (R- AZ) will announce the formation of the Congressional Israel Allies Caucus at a press conference **tomorrow afternoon at 3pm in Rayburn House Office Building 2358.**

The announcement comes as Israel continues to face international pressure to agree to a premature ceasefire as it confronts terrorist threats from Hezbollah and Hamas.

Below is a brief description of the Caucus' purpose:

Israel receives tremendous support from numerous Christian groups and denominations in the United State and around the world. Acknowledging this, on January 5, 2004, a Christian Allies Caucus was formed in the Israeli Knesset, Israel's parliamentary assembly. Its mission is to develop lines of communication between Knesset members and many of these Christian groups that support Israel's right to exist and prosper within safe and secure borders.

The Congressional Israel Allies Caucus is America's response to that initiative. We intend to join with the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus and the other caucuses in legislatures around the world to support Israel's right to live in peace within safe and secure borders and to promote the Judeo-Christians values upon which western civilization was built.

Weldon and Engel will co-chair the caucus.

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