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Dear Friends,

Today, I am proud to join the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle, the Stroum Jewish Community Center and, the Israeli-American Council to acknowledge, commemorate, and celebrate Israel's progress since gaining independence as the Jewish homeland 70 historic years ago.

Israel and the state of Washington have built a special relationship over the past seven decades. Seattle and Be'er Sheva have been Sister Cities since 1977 and now leading experts from the Universities of both cities are jointly solving critical energy and cybersecurity challenges facing our two nations. And today the Puget Sound metropolitan area is home to the fastest growing Jewish community in the country.

Since 1948, Israel and the United States have fostered a truly unique union, a bond rooted in our shared values of democratic representation, freedom of expression and religion, and the rule of law. As your representative in the United States Senate, I remain committed to ensuring the U.S. remains Israel's most steadfast and vital ally and that the ironclad friendship between our two countries continues to grow and prosper.

Sincerely,

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator