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Ms. Meggie Le  
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Dear President Le,

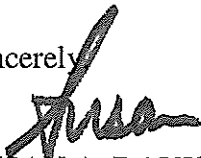
It has come to my attention that the UCSD Associated Student Council is considering a resolution to divest in companies doing business with Israel.

In considering this resolution, I urge you to look objectively at the facts. Israel is the only country in the Middle East with protections for free speech, free press, free practice of religion, women's rights, and gay rights. All citizens of Israel have full voting rights without regard to race or ethnicity. In fact, Israel's democratically-elected parliament includes 12 members who are of Arab descent.

Further, I am concerned about the effect this vote would have on UCSD's Jewish students and on the surrounding Jewish community. While we are all free to disagree on specific policies of the Israeli government, the targeting of the only Jewish state for severe sanctions despite being the one true democracy in the region is deeply troubling. That is why this particular resolution may cause your fellow Jewish students to feel unwelcome and marginalized.

I urge you and your colleagues to vote against this resolution. Let us move beyond inflammatory rhetoric and work together to pursue a true and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Sincerely,



SUSAN A. DAVIS  
Member of Congress