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Christian Leaders join Members of Congress in Urging President Trump to Move US Embassy to Jerusalem Now

Murfreesboro, TN - Prominent evangelical leaders sent a <u>letter</u> this week to President Trump urging him to fulfill his campaign promise to move the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Israel's capital, Jerusalem. A majority in Congress passed The Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem. However, it included a security waiver which every president has so far used to delay the move citing possible impacts on peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians. The next deadline for the waiver is December 1, 2017.

This week's communication reminded the White House of a <u>previous letter</u> signed in May by 60 major Christian leaders, representing 60 million evangelicals, which asked the President not to sign the waiver and to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem. The letters were organized by <u>American Christian Leaders for Israel (ACLI)</u>, an informal network of Christian leaders managed by the US Branch of the <u>International Christian Embassy Jerusalem</u>. They agree with the recent urging from the US Congress' House Subcommittee on National Security that the time to move the US Embassy is now during Jerusalem's 50th anniversary year as a reunified city.

Susan Michael, US Director-ICEJ commented, "The Trump presidency has opened a door of opportunity in the Middle East, but we cannot assume it will stay open for long and must act now." Ms. Michael went on to say, "This issue is important to Christian leaders, many of whom are in favor of continued Israeli sovereignty over all of Jerusalem, including our revered sites in the eastern part of the city. Only a free and democratic Israel will protect Jerusalem for all peoples of faith."

Both lawmakers and American Christian Leaders for Israel have urged President Trump NOT to sign the waiver on December 1st, thus allowing the 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Act to finally be implemented. In doing so, President Trump would reverse a long-standing injustice since Israel is currently our only ally where the US Embassy is not located in its capital.

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About American Christian Leaders for Israel (ACLI)

On behalf of the tens of millions of American Christians that we collectively represent, we the members of ACLI seek to provide a unified voice of truth to the American public in support of Israel and the Jewish people.

American Christian Leaders for Israel is a project of the U.S. Branch of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem. Learn more at <u>aclforisrael.com</u>.

About International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ)

The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem was established in 1980 in recognition of the biblical significance of all of Jerusalem, and its unique connection with the Jewish people of Israel. Today it represents millions of Christians, churches and denominations to the nation and people. Our work with its head office in Jerusalem reaches more than 140 countries with branch offices in over 85 nations. Learn more at <u>icejusa.org</u>.

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