Tell Your Senators: Oppose Friedman for U.S. Ambassador to Israel

President Donald Trump’s nominee for U.S. Ambassador to Israel must be approved by the Senate in order to serve. Senators should oppose Friedman for his extremist positions, which stand in stark contrast to decades of bipartisan U.S. policy on the Israeli-Palestinian crisis.

Friedman’s record of funding illegal Israeli settlements, his support for Israeli annexation of the West Bank, his likening of supporters of the two-state solution to Nazi collaborators, and his likening of support for the Iran deal to Nazi appeasement should disqualify him from one of the most sensitive and complex diplomatic postings in the world. **Tell your senators to commit to vote against Friedman’s nomination to be the next U.S. Ambassador to Israel.**

5 Steps to Call

1) **Call** 1-855-68 NO WAR.
2) **Press** or say ‘2’ to be transferred to the Senate, and put in your zip code.
3) **Say** “I’m [NAME] and I’m from [CITY, STATE]. I’m calling to urge the senator to publicly oppose Trump’s pick for US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman.”
4) **Optional addition:** “Friedman’s record of funding Israeli settlements and calling supporters of the two-state solution worse than Nazi collaborators should disqualify him from one of the most sensitive diplomatic postings in the world.”
5) **Thank staff:** “Thanks for taking my call and I hope the senator will speak out as soon as possible on this important issue.”

Friedman in his own words

- **Denounced Liberal Jews as Worse than Nazi Collaborators:** Last May, Friedman wrote “Are J Street supporters really as bad as kapos? The answer, actually, is no. They are far worse than kapos—Jews who turned in their fellow Jews in the Nazi death camps.”

- **Likened Consideration of Supporting Iran Deal to Nazi Appeasement:** When Senator Chuck Schumer (NY) was undecided on his position on the Iran deal, Friedman wrote that "No matter how he ultimately votes, by making his decision such a close call—which it plainly should not be--Schumer is validating the worst appeasement of terrorism since Munich."
Who opposes Friedman’s nomination?


The following editorial boards have penned strong words in opposition to Friedman:

**The New York Times**

“The Senate has the responsibility to protect Mr. Trump and the country from taking this reckless step.”

**HAARETZ**

“If Friedman’s appointment fails to pass in the Senate after close scrutiny of his background and a thorough hearing, that will be a blessing for Israel.”

**The Washington Post**

“Trump’s Israel ambassador pick could have dangerous consequences.”

How do we block Friedman’s confirmation?

While Friedman could be stopped by the full Senate in a floor vote, our best bet is to convince a majority of Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) to oppose his nomination. While public opposition from any Senator will add weight to the campaign to stop his nomination, the opposition of the following SFRC members will be particularly crucial to blocking Friedman’s confirmation.

- Bob Corker, Tennessee *Chairman*
- Jim Risch, Idaho
- Marco Rubio, Florida
- Ron Johnson, Wisconsin
- Jeff Flake, Arizona
- Cory Gardner, Colorado
- Todd Young, Indiana
- John Barrasso, Wyoming
- Johnny Isakson, Georgia
- Rob Portman, Ohio
- Rand Paul, Kentucky
- Ben Cardin, Maryland, *Ranking Member*
- Bob Menendez, New Jersey
- Jeanne Shaheen, New Hampshire
- Chris Coons, Delaware
- Tom Udall, New Mexico
- Chris Murphy, Connecticut
- Tim Kaine, Virginia
- Ed Markey, Massachusetts
- Jeff Merkley, Oregon
- Cory Booker, New Jersey