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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Nick Miccarelli *NAM*
DATE: August 25, 2011
SUBJECT: United States Senate Resolution 185
(Negotiated Solution to the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict)

In the near future, I am planning to introduce a resolution supporting United States Senate Resolution 185. The resolution calls for condemnation of the Palestinian Authority's Fatah Party for rejoining with Hamas in a unity government.

United States Senate Resolution 185 expresses opposition to Palestinian efforts to seek unilateral recognition at the United Nations and states its firm belief that any Palestinian unity government must publicly and formally forswear terrorism, accept Israel's right to exist, and conform to previous agreements made with Israel. The resolution was introduced following an announcement that the Palestinian Authority and Hamas have reached a unity agreement to govern the previously disputed territories. The resolution states that the United Nations is not the right forum for a declaration of Palestinian statehood. Further, the resolution urges the President to consider suspending assistance to the Palestinian Authority pending a review of the unity agreement between Fatah and Hamas. Senate Resolution 185 was passed by unanimous consent, and has 88 bipartisan co-sponsors including Senator Casey and Senator Toomey of Pennsylvania.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this measure, which will reaffirm this strong message by the United States Senate and their desire to bring about the peace so desperately needed in the Middle East, please contact Deborah Garger in my Harrisburg office at (717) 787-3472 or by e-mail dgarger@pahousegop.com.