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Washington, D.C.—U.S. Congressman Mike Pence, vice chairman of the Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee, welcomed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Capitol Hill today to address a joint session of Congress:

"It is a privilege and a joy to welcome the Prime Minister of our most cherished ally to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. With the tumult and change roiling the Middle East today, now more than ever, the world must know that America stands with Israel. The alliance between the United States and Israel has deep and enduring and bipartisan roots in the well of Congress. Israel is America's most cherished ally and American policy in the Middle East must ever reflect this truth."