

## GREETINGS FROM MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS

**Marco Rubio (R-FL),  
Member of the U.S. Senate**



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Dear Members of the European Parliament,

It is an honor to send greetings to the **Transatlantic Friends of Israel**, a new cross-party parliamentary friendship group dedicated to fostering strong transatlantic ties with Israel.

As a U.S. Senator representing the State of Florida, I have long prioritized efforts to strengthen America's respective alliances with the Jewish state of Israel as well as with Europe's democracies. That's why I was very glad to learn about your important and timely initiative to create the Transatlantic Friends of Israel working group and foster strong trilateral ties among Europe, Israel, and the United States.

Key foreign policy issues - including stalwart support for our allies in Europe and in Israel - traditionally enjoy bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. It is my hope that the Transatlantic Friends of Israel can work towards achieving the same unwavering support in Europe for the Jewish state. Given Israel's military and technological prowess, closer strategic relations have significantly advanced American national security interests and values, and also ought to be as much in Europe's interests as in Israel's.

I wish you great success in the Transatlantic Friends of Israel's launch event today, and I look forward to working closely with you in the coming years.



**Chairwoman Nita M. Lowey (D-NY-17),  
Member of the U.S. House of Representatives**



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As a long-time believer in the deepening of transatlantic ties and a staunch supporter of Israel, I was delighted to learn about AJC's new **Transatlantic Friends of Israel** inter-parliamentary friendship group. The founding of the European Union, one of the greatest peace projects of the last century, created a new path not only for Europe, but also for its allies. The United States has and will continue to maintain deep ties with the EU, as well as with Israel - our closest ally in the Middle East.

With a clear set of common interests and values, this trilateral project could not have come soon enough. As this group continues to grow and expand, I look forward to working together to pursue our agenda of partnership and friendship.

