



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Senator Murkowski:

Thank you for your letter of March 12 concerning the renewal of the longstanding Memorandum of Agreement on oil supply between the United States Government and the Government of Israel.

The United States remains committed to bolstering Israeli energy security. The State Department and the Israeli government have agreed in principle to renew the oil supply agreement. We immediately set about conducting the necessary internal reviews as well as consulting with the Department of Energy on the relevant implementing arrangements. This process is nearly concluded, and we expect to move forward in the very near future. We recognize the bipartisan support for this agreement over nearly four decades, and we intend to maintain that enduring spirit of energy cooperation with Israel.

We hope this information is helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Frifield".

Julia Frifield  
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The Honorable  
Lisa Murkowski,  
United States Senate.