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Governor Abbott Proudly Signs Anti-BDS Legislation Into Law

Action Signals Texas' Strong Support For Israel

Governor Greg Abbott today signed into law House Bill 89 (HB 89), known as the Anti-BDS (Boycott, Divestments, and Sanctions) bill, which prohibits all state agencies from contracting with, and certain public funds from investing in, companies that boycott Israel. The Governor hosted the bill signing at the Jewish Community Center in Austin. Today also marks Israel's Independence Day.

"I am proud to have commemorated Israel's Independence Day by signing into law Anti-BDS legislation in Texas," said Governor Abbott.

“ As Israel's number one trading partner in the United States, Texas is proud to reaffirm its support for the people of Israel and we will continue to build on our historic partnership. Anti-Israel policies are anti-Texas policies, and we will not tolerate such actions against an important ally. ”

I would like to thank Rep. Phil King and Sen. Brandon Creighton for their work and commitment in authoring this important legislation."

The bill, authored by Representative Phil King, prohibits the state of Texas from conducting business with companies involved in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel. After the bill becomes law, it ensures that certain public funds are not invested in any entities participating in this movement. Additionally, state contracts will only be given to verified businesses to guarantee that Texas maintains a strong and supportive relationship with Israel.



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A Hadassah-sponsored reception honoring Texas State Representative Phil King (House District 61- Parker and Wise Counties), Representative Craig Goldman (House District 97 – Tarrant County) and Representative Linda Koop (House District 102 – Dallas County) for their leadership in passing the [Texas Anti-BDS House Bill 89](#). They stood up for Israel. Join Hadassah to thank them on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7 PM., Held at the Congregation Ahavath Sholom Temple, 4050 S. Hulen, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

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