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**Arizona House of Representatives**

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## Reps. Cook and Blackman: Iran Firing Rockets at Israel Only Strengthens Mission of New Trade Office

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative David Cook (R-8) and Representative Walter Blackman (R-6) today reacted to Iran firing rockets into Israel’s Golan Heights:

**“This week, Iran fired rockets from Syria into Israel’s Golan Heights, where only 24 hours before we were touring border security facilities and the wall that the Israeli government implemented to slow illegal immigration traffic. Representative Cook and I both feel that implementing the good practices exhibited by Israel could reduce many of the problems caused by illegal immigration,”** said Representative Blackman. **“The Iron Dome, which deterred the rockets from landing in high populated areas within Israel, was manufactured in the state of Arizona. As leaders we are proud to represent Arizona on this international delegation to look for ways to keep Arizona safe, protect our borders, and work with leaders from Israel to bring research and development to Arizona. The work we are doing here for our districts and state is not only vital for economic growth, but it’s an issue of public safety related to our southern border.”**

**“To solve any problem, we must first understand what all of the possible solutions are. This trade mission is about more than just trade – it’s about how to keep a country and its people safe from those that wish to do it harm,”** said Representative Cook. **“After seeing the border at Golan Heights and hearing the news of the rocket attack the following day, I believe now more than ever how important this new trade office is to our relationship with our friends in Israel and our goal to spur mutual economic development. With a strong economic relationship between our two nations, we will continue the fight for a safe and prosperous Israel.”**

Representatives Cook and Blackman are currently in Israel along other elected members of the Arizona Legislature and the Arizona Israel Technology Alliance to celebrate the [Israel Trade Office opening in Tel Aviv.](#)

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