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Rep. David Livingston Condemns UK Threats of Sanctions Over Israel's E1 Development

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative David Livingston today condemned threats of sanctions by United Kingdom Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband over Israel's E1 development in Judea and Samaria.

Secretary Miliband has demanded that Israel halt the E1 project and withdraw its invitation for bids to begin construction, while warning that Britain may pursue additional punitive measures, including sanctions.

"Britain is singling out Israel and threatening sanctions over development in Judea and Samaria, lands central to Jewish history and Israel's security," Representative Livingston said. **"Israel is a democratic ally facing enemies that openly seek its destruction. Britain should be standing with Israel, not increasing political pressure while terrorism and incitement against Israelis continue."**

Planning for E1 spans decades, and the project received final planning approval in August 2025. Israel has now opened bidding for construction of the approved project.

Earlier this year, Representative Livingston sponsored [House Resolution 2002 and House Concurrent Resolution 2047](#) affirming Israel's sovereignty over Judea and Samaria and recognizing the Jewish people's historical, biblical, and legal connection to the land. [HCR 2047 was approved](#) by the Arizona Legislature in April.

"Treating E1 as a sudden or reckless act ignores the history of the project and the security threats Israel faces," Representative Livingston said. **"Judea and Samaria are central to Jewish history and faith. Governments may disagree over policy, but they should not erase that history or hold Israel to standards they refuse to apply to those who threaten its people."**

"At a time of rising antisemitism around the world, governments should be especially careful about policies and rhetoric that uniquely condemn and delegitimize the Jewish state," Representative Livingston added. **"Threatening Israel with sanctions while terrorism and incitement against Israelis continue sends exactly the wrong message. Arizona has stood with Israel, and I will continue to do so."**

David Livingston is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 28 in Peoria. He also serves as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Follow him on X at @Livingston4AZ.

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