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Tim Scott Speaks Out Regarding Flotilla Crisis

I know many in the Jewish and Christian community are concerned about the mis-information against Israel since the Gaza flotilla crisis last week. I want to go on record saying that Israel was within its rights in international and maritime law to intercept the flotilla since Hamas, a terrorist organization in control of Gaza, has sworn to annihilate the Jewish people and regularly transfers weapons into Gaza.

For weeks Israel communicated with the leaders, offering to receive the ships into their port in Ashdod, in order to inspect and offload legitimate humanitarian cargo and transport it to Gaza. The organizers refused Israel's pleas for a peaceful resolution. Then on one ship, the Israelis were brutally beaten in a planned attack aimed at placing blame on Israel.

Israel, like our nation and other free nations, has a right to defend herself against terror. If I am elected to Congress, I will remain a friend to Israel and stand beside the overwhelming majority of Congress, both democrats and republicans who value the US-Israel relationship.

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