

United States Senate

August 16, 2024

The Honorable Antony Blinken
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Secretary Blinken:

It has come to my attention that the Department of State is potentially withholding vital congressionally authorized military equipment and munitions, as well as properly purchased law enforcement weapons from one of our closest allies, Israel. Failure to provide equipment as required by statute and legally purchased through our robust Foreign Military Sales (FMS) process is not only unlawful but undermines decades of cooperation and U.S. foreign policy interests.

Since Israel gained its statehood in 1948, it has been under constant attack from state and non-state actors alike. Last October, the world witnessed the latest and most horrific of these attacks as Hamas crossed into Israel and slaughtered civilians in their homes without provocation. The depravity displayed that day will never be forgotten. Even now, nine months later, hostages taken by Hamas in that attack have not been returned to their families. The situation continues to be dire as Iran and its terrorist proxies continue to plan and execute attacks on Israeli civilians. As Israel defends itself, the United States has pledged unwavering support to its efforts. Hamas must be eliminated, and Iran must be deterred. Withholding vital weapons and munitions from both the Israeli military and law enforcement is immoral and needlessly weakens one of our strongest allies in a time of critical need.

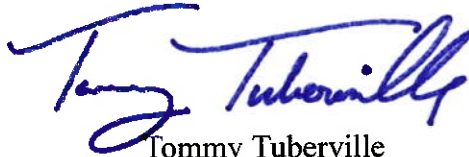
Therefore, I request a written unclassified report, answering at a minimum the following the questions, by August 30, 2024:

- Since the beginning of FY24, how much aid, in U.S. dollars, has Israel received from the U.S. Government?
- Since the beginning of FY24, what is the dollar amount of completed Foreign Military Sales that have been processed for Israel?
- Since the beginning of FY24, how many FMS Letters of Offer and Acceptance (LOAs) have been received by the State Department?
- Since the beginning of FY24, what is the average processing time to review and facilitate an LOA?
- Please submit a list of all FMS sales currently under consideration by the State Department.

- Please provide the specific status of any pending weapons purchased by Israeli Ministry of National Security.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tommy Tuberville". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tommy Tuberville
U.S. Senator