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# 'Progressive' groups tell Congress to reject 'dangerous' Abraham Accords

The US Presbyterian Church, Progressive Democrats of America, CAIR, JVP Action, IfNotNow and other groups called for the US to reject the accords.

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The United States Congress was called upon to reject the Abraham Accords by 29 progressive advocacy organizations and other institutions last Wednesday.

"We're joining with other progressive orgs to tell Congress that lasting peace comes from justice, not weapons deals. The US should reject the Abraham Accords," Jewish Voice for Peace Action, the advocacy arm of the NGO JVP, tweeted last Friday. "Instead, we must end support for Israel's violations of Palestinian rights and its apartheid rule."



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Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stands with US President Donald Trump after signing the Abraham Accords, normalizing relations between Israel and some of its Middle East neighbors, in a strategic realignment of Middle Eastern countries against Iran, on the South Lawn of the White House (credit: REUTERS/TOM BRENNER)

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"It's a shame and an irony that anyone would oppose peace in the Middle East," said Amit Deri, co-founder and CEO of Sharaka, an NGO that seeks to deepen and further the Abraham Accords through delegations. "Four countries finally stood up and said no to boycotts and yes to dialogue and cooperation, with many more around the region ready to join. The lack of any popular backlash further proves this. Promoting a regional peace first approach will do more to promote peace than 7 decades of boycotts ever accomplished."

The Israel Relations Normalization Act of 2021 is a bipartisan bill that was introduced last April by Democratic Illinois Rep. Brad Schneider.

The bill aims "to expand and strengthen the Abraham Accords to encourage other nations to normalize relations with Israel and ensure that existing agreements reap tangible security and economic benefits for the citizens of those countries."

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