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Congresswoman cuts off AIPAC

A congresswoman says AIPAC is unwelcome in her office until it apologizes for an activist who called her a terrorist supporter.

Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.) said the supporter of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee told her chief of staff that "McCollum's support for terrorists will not be tolerated." McCollum is one of two members of the U.S. House of Representatives' International Relations Committee who voted against a bill, which AIPAC strongly endorses, that would cut off the Palestinian Authority. AIPAC says the bill is necessary to isolate Hamas, the terrorist group in control of P.A. government. McCollum and some others in Congress say the bill goes too far, cutting off the Palestinian Authority no matter who is governing it, and severely restricting humanitarian aid.

"For an AIPAC representative to say that I would ever vote to support Middle East terrorists over the interests of my country will never be tolerated by me or the families I serve," McCollum wrote in a letter to Howard Kohr, AIPAC's executive director, that was republished in the New York Review of Books. AIPAC has yet to reply to McCollum's demand for an apology.

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