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Hon. «FirstName» «LastName»
Representative, «JobTitle»
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear «Dear»,

The Free Palestine Movement is a US nonprofit organization that advocates for Palestinian and American interests. In that respect, our mission is similar to that of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), which advocates for Israeli and American interests. However, our interpretation of American interests with respect to US foreign policy is often quite different from that of AIPAC.

Since you have received an invitation from the American Israel Education Foundation to travel to Israel, we would like to offer a similar invitation to visit what we call Palestine, to afford you an opportunity to compare experiences and gain a more balanced picture. We promise a rewarding and enjoyable experience for you and your family. It will include visits to historical and cultural Palestinian sites, meetings with major Palestinian and Israeli figures, and possible side visits to neighboring countries.

Although the plans may sound similar to those of the Israel trip, the particulars are likely to be different. Many of the Israeli and Palestinian figures that you will meet, for example, will come from local peace and justice groups, but probably different ones than on your Israel itinerary. We also expect that there will be fewer meetings with officials and more with community representatives.

We hope that you will be interested to pursue multiple perspectives of this important subject with equal attention and to an equal degree, and we will be pleased to enable this opportunity. We suggest the 2016 Congressional recess period, but are open to other times that are convenient for you.

We are not the only Palestinian and American advocacy group interested in sponsoring your visit. If you prefer to travel under the auspices of another one, we would be happy to cooperate, and can offer suggestions. We wish only to provide you and your family with a valuable and memorable Palestine experience full of interesting perspectives from the Palestinian community.

Please let us know your thoughts on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Paul Larudee
Treasurer