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## **Rep. Zeldin Slams Biden Admin for Reinstating Assistance to the West Bank and Gaza**

WASHINGTON - Today, Congressman Lee Zeldin (R, NY-1), co-Chair of the House Republican Israel Caucus, issued the following statement after the Biden Administration announced it would resume assistance to the areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority (PA), which financially rewards terrorists who attack innocent Americans and Israelis through its Pay-to-Slay Program:

*“The Palestinian Authority incites violence and financially rewards terrorists who attack innocent Americans and Israelis, and now the Biden Administration is rewarding the PA with U.S. tax dollars. Money is fungible and any funds, no matter what pot of money the US assigns those funds to, will be used to offset this violence against innocent civilians. With no commitment from the PA to end these nefarious activities, publicly condemn these acts of violence and stop inciting and rewarding attacks on civilians, the Biden Administration is bowing to terrorists and endangering Americans at home and around the world.”*

In 2018, Congressman Zeldin played an integral role in ushering into law the *Taylor Force Act*, which prevents American foreign aid from funding the PA unless the Secretary of State certifies that the PA has taken credible steps to end acts of violence against United States and Israeli citizens. The State Department has been unable to certify the PA has met these requirements since the PA has not terminated its Pay-to-Slay program.

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