

United States Senate

January 24, 2017

The Honorable Nikki Haley
U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations
U.S. Mission to the United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Ambassador Haley:

Congratulations on being confirmed as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Serving as Ambassador to the U.N. is a great honor and I look forward to working with you to advance U.S. interests in the U.N. and around the world.

I was honored to support your confirmation and am confident that you will work to restore the relationships between the United States, Israel, and our allies around the globe that have been severely fractured over the past several years. Your stated opposition to U.N. Resolution 2334 and the unprecedented abstention by the U.S. serves as a great example of changes that will be made relative to the previous administration. Whether it is the ongoing conflict in Syria, rolling back Iran's nuclear program, defusing Chinese antagonism in the South China Sea, or countering Russian aggression in Eastern Europe, there is no shortage of issues that need to be addressed. I am confident that you will be able to provide the necessary leadership to ensure that our allies know, once again, where we as a nation stand.

While the U.N. has a poor track record related to human rights, such as religious freedom, I am hopeful that with your leadership, its effectiveness in advancing the well-being of people around the globe can be improved. I am also encouraged by your commitment to Israel and other efforts to unduly disparage or discriminate against our closest and strongest ally in the Middle East.

Congratulations again on your confirmation, and I look forward to continuing to dialogue with you and your administration on issues related to the U.N.

Sincerely,



STEVE DAINES
United States Senator