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Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition Commends the Senator Vince Fumo for Introducing Iran Divestment Legislation

The Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition (PJC) commends Senator Vince Fumo for introducing legislation calling for the divestment of state funds from oil and energy companies investing and operating in Iran.

“Pennsylvania’s Jewish community very much appreciates the leadership of Senator Fumo for taking a stand against terrorism and prohibit our state funds from supporting companies who help promote and fund acts of terrorism.” commented Hank Butler, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition.

Several other states have already passed, or are in the process of passing, legislation divesting their funds away from countries who support or sponsor terrorism. By enacting Senator Fumo’s legislation to divest state funds away from oil and energy companies who invest and operating in Iran, the General Assembly will align Pennsylvania with these other forward-thinking states, directly and positively impact the stand against terrorism throughout the world

“We believe that passage of Iran divestment is a strong step in the right direction of the fight against terrorism. It is important for Pennsylvania’s elected officials to take action and send the message against terrorism’ Butler continued. ‘It is important for our state to join the fight to end terrorism and our elected officials need to move this legislation and House Bill 1140 (calling for the divestment of companies investing and operating in Sudan) to the next level; passage in the Senate Finance Committee and onto the Senate Floor for a vote.”

The Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition (PJC) is the eyes, ears, and voice in Harrisburg of the Jewish communities across Pennsylvania, including Altoona, Erie, Harrisburg, Lehigh Valley, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading, Wilkes-Barre, and York Jewish Federations.