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# **Readout of Sanders' Meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu**

**JERUSALEM, Israel** – Following Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders' meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Sanders' spokesman Sam Dubke released the following readout:

"Governor Sanders met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu today to discuss Arkansas' unbreakable bond with Israel and commitment to standing with the Israeli people to defeat common enemies and defend shared values. The Governor emphasized the steps her administration has taken to support Israel, including Arkansas' recent decision to invest up to \$50 million in state retirement funds in Israeli bonds, in addition to the \$55 million already held by the Arkansas Treasury, and requiring state government to accurately refer to Judea and Samaria when discussing the region west of the Jordan River. Components of Israel's Iron Dome are produced in Arkansas, and the Governor expressed interest in expanding that partnership to support both Arkansas' economy and Israel's national security. Governor Sanders invited the Prime Minister to visit Arkansas, and the Prime Minister indicated his interest in the proposal.

"The meeting comes after the Governor met with several Israeli companies to foster partnerships in the Natural State, including Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, an Israeli defense company with a significant and growing footprint in Arkansas. The Governor has held multiple business development roundtables with companies in Israel – including those in the agritech and defense industries – about why Arkansas is the perfect place for them to expand their operations. The Governor has also toured cultural sites, met with senior Israeli government officials, traveled with U.S. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson to Samaria, and joined her father, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, on visits throughout the country."



Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, Israel on Wednesday, August 6th. Photo credit: Will Newton.



Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Arkansas Secretary of Economic Development Hugh McDonald with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and others in his office in

Jerusalem, Israel on Wednesday, August 6th. Photo credit: Will Newton.

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