



Rep. Nadler Again Selected as Ranking Democrat on the Courts, Intellectual Property, and Internet Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee

On January 21st, Congressman Jerrold Nadler (NY-10), who has served on the House Judiciary Committee for more than 20 years, was again selected as the Ranking Democrat on the Courts, Intellectual Property, and Internet Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. This subcommittee has jurisdiction over patent and trademark laws, as well as regulation of information technology, Administration of U.S. Courts, Federal Rules of Evidence, Civil and Appellate Procedure, and judicial ethics. The Congressman will also continue to serve on the Constitution and Civil Justice Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Ranking Democrat on this important subcommittee. I look forward to working with our nation’s most innovative companies and talented individuals on issues affecting patents and trademarks, information technology, and the internet. I also expect to continue to play a major role in the Judiciary Committee’s copyright review. Our intellectual property laws are at the core of how we consume media, from watching TV and listening to music to enjoying a movie or sharing photos,” said Nadler. “We will seek to strike the right balance between how artists, authors, musicians, photographers and other content creators are compensated for their work with the desire of technology companies to

provide new and innovative ways for consumers to access this content like never before.”

“I look forward to continuing to serve on the Constitution and Civil Justice Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee with Ranking Democrat, Congressman Steve Cohen (TN-9). I am proud to have served on the panel as the Ranking Democrat/Chairman from 2001-2014 as we have faced some of our nation’s most pressing questions, ranging from NSA surveillance and the Patriot Act to LGBT rights, the Voting Rights Act, and a woman’s right to choose,” said Nadler. “I remain committed to protecting the Constitution and the civil rights and civil liberties of all Americans. I look forward to continuing this work in the Subcommittee.”

Rep. Nadler Supports Rep. Carson’s Appointment to House Select Committee on Intelligence

On January 20th, Congressman Jerrold Nadler released the following statement in support of Congressman André Carson (IN-07) being named to the House Select Committee on Intelligence.

“Congressman Carson is a talented, hard-working member who has dedicated his life’s work to public service—including his work on the Indianapolis City County Council, his time as a law enforcement officer, his work in intelligence and counter terrorism at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and

continuing to his current role as a Member of the U.S. Congress.

“I am shocked and deeply disturbed by some right-wing conservatives calling into question Congressman Carson’s integrity or his patriotism simply because of his Muslim faith. Such accusations and implications are totally uncalled for and completely unacceptable. We should not tolerate anyone being targeted or denied opportunities because of their religious beliefs. Members of Congress and others ought to take the lead in combating bigotry wherever it occurs, including when it involves a fellow Member of Congress.

“Not only is Congressman Carson’s appointment entirely appropriate and well-deserved, but it is imperative for Members of Congress and others to stand up to this type of biased and disgusting comments and condemn them in the strongest possible terms.”

Rep. Nadler Addresses Speaker Boehner's Invitation to Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu

On January 30th, Congressman Jerrold Nadler (NY-10) released the following statement on Speaker Boehner's invitation to Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu:

“The Prime Minister of Israel, our key strategic ally and friend in the Middle East, is always welcome in the United States. And indeed the Israeli Prime Minister has a moral imperative to give his view to the world about Iran’s looming and very real threat to Israel, and to voice his concern that a potential nuclear deal, if it were too weak, would pose great danger to both our countries. It is in the interest of the United States that we listen to these views very carefully.

"However, Speaker Boehner, in extending an invitation to address Congress at this time and

without appropriate consultation with the Administration and both parties in the House and Senate as diplomatic protocol demands, has shown his true colors. He has demonstrated that he is willing to play childish games with our most serious questions of war and peace, and is equally willing to put partisan advantage over Israel’s security. That the Speaker would seek to undermine the historic bi-partisan support for Israel in this way is an unprecedented, reprehensible act worthy of condemnation by both sides of the aisle, and from all friends of Israel.

"True friends of Israel understand that bi-partisan support -- going back to Harry Truman -- has been essential for the safety of Israel and to the success of the US-Israel strategic partnership. And particularly given the fact that Israel is currently facing its most serious threats from all sides, by terrorists and terrorist states alike, that bi-partisan consensus is more important than ever. It would be very wise for both parties to this invitation to consider measures to mitigate the damage this political maneuvering has inflicted.

"Despite the Speaker’s inappropriate actions, I am confident that Members of good will in both parties will continue to build the historic bi-partisan consensus that has ensured that Congress remains a bedrock of support in a strong US-Israel relationship.”

Rep. Nadler Slams Republicans for Radical Effort to Cut Private Funding for Abortions

On January 22nd, Congressman Jerrold Nadler (NY-10) delivered the following statement regarding the Republicans most recent attempt to restrict a woman's right to abortion services:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 7, the so-called No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. The name of this bill is a lie.

There is now no taxpayer funding for abortion. I wish there were.

"The right of a woman to decide whether to become pregnant, to decide to continue her pregnancy, or even to make the difficult decision to terminate her pregnancy, is protected by the Constitution. The Supreme Court has determined that neither Congress nor a state may place an 'undue burden' on that right. Denial of Medicaid or other government funding that would be available for other medical procedures should be considered an "undue burden."

"But that is not the law, unfortunately. Taxpayer funding of abortion is prohibited by the Hyde Amendment. This bill goes far beyond that.

"This bill – for the first time ever – denies tax deductions and credits for women who use their own money to pay for abortions or to purchase insurance that covers abortions. In so doing, the Republican majority increases taxes for women and families.

"This bill – for the first time – denies the itemized medical tax deduction that is otherwise available for medical expenses, if the medical expense is for an abortion. This bill – for the first time – treats as taxable income any distribution from a flexible spending account or a health savings account that is used to pay for abortion expenses. This bill – for the first time – denies small employers the ability to use tax credits to help them provide health coverage for their employees, if that coverage includes abortion. The bill also denies income-eligible women the use of premium tax credits available under the Affordable Care Act, if the insurance coverage they select includes abortion coverage.

"In first opposing, and then voting to repeal, the Affordable Care Act 50 times my Republican colleagues have complained that government should not meddle in the private insurance market, or in private health care choices. But

this legislation, obviously, is designed to do just that. It seems that many Republicans believe in freedom – provided no one uses that freedom in a way that they do not approve. That is a strange understanding of freedom.

"Even more stunning, this bill increases taxes on families, businesses, and the self-employed if they spend their own money – let me repeat that: their own money – on abortion coverage or services. And this tax increase is being championed by Republicans, almost all of whom have taken a pledge not to raise taxes on individuals or businesses.

"The intent of this bill is clear: it is to end insurance coverage for abortions for all women, whether or not they obtain their insurance on an exchange, and even if they use their own money to purchase the insurance.

"My colleagues in the majority believe that if you like your insurance coverage, you should get to keep it, unless it is for choices that they don't like. Then, they have no qualms about taking your coverage away.

"That is the intended and likely result of this bill. Currently, the vast majority of insurance policies cover abortion services. But insurance companies will respond to the tax penalties this bill imposes by dropping coverage for abortions from all of their plans. This will have a significant impact on all women, not just lower-income women who have long felt the brunt of federal restrictions on their health care choices.

"H.R. 7 is a radical departure from current tax treatment of medical expenses and insurance coverage; and it is neither justifiable nor necessary to prevent Federal funding of abortion. It is a frontal assault on the liberty and dignity of all American women. It should be roundly rejected."

Rep. Nadler Reacts to Paris Attacks

On January 12th, Congressman Jerrold Nadler (NY-10) delivered the following statement at the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) memorial at the Lincoln Square Synagogue about the recent terrorist attack on Charlie Hebdo magazine and the Kosher supermarket in Paris, France:

"Let me begin by thanking Michael Miller and the JCRC for gathering us all here, and by expressing our solidarity with the people of France in this trying hour.

"What are we to make of the attacks on Charlie Hebdo? and on a kosher grocery store in Paris?

"First, that Islamist zealotry is a threat to individual liberty, to democracy, to gender equality, to religious freedom - to everything free people hold dear.

"Second, that Islamist zealotry is a particular threat to Jews – raising a new and murderous form of anti-Semitism.

"Third, demonstrating once again the essential role of Israel as a refuge for Jews, who have been persecuted and murdered in so many nations, and whose safety in much of Europe is, for the second time in a century, sharply in question.

"ISIS, Hamas, Hezbollah, Al Qaeda show that the quote from the Haggada – 'B'chol dor vador omdim aleinu lechaloteinu' – 'In every generation they rise up against us, to destroy us' – is once again applicable in this generation.

"The second half of the quote is - 'Vehakadosh Baruch Hu matzileinu miyadam' – 'And the Almighty saves us from their hands.'

"But the Talmud tells us – 'Ain somchin al hanes.' We cannot rely on miracles. As John F. Kennedy said, 'Here on Earth, G-d's work must . . . be our own.'

"All of us, all men and women of good will, all believers in liberty and equality, must join in the Lord's work, in combating Islamist zealotry, in combating the increasing attacks on Jews, and on freedom of expression, and in proclaiming and promoting freedom of thought, the right of all – of both sexes – to equality and education.

"This may be a generation's work, but free men and women, when confronted by totalitarian challenges, have always risen to meet the challenge, and now must again."

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