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The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

Open Letter to the People of the United States, the People of Israel, and the Governments Representing Them

FROM: Vincent Cordova | Independent candidate for President of the United States, 2028

DATE: Tuesday, November 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Freedom to Speak, Fair Treatment, and Public Review of the U.S.–Israel Travel Partnership

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To the people of the United States and Israel, and to the governments entrusted to represent them:

Freedom of speech helps people protect one another. We speak about suffering, challenge decisions that cause harm, and share what we have witnessed so our communities can decide how to respond. Protecting life means protecting people's ability to speak.

Pastor Paul Drees has said that Israel revoked his ETA-IL travel authorization after he returned from a visit to Palestine. He suspects the decision may be connected to his public speech. That connection has not been independently established, and the reason for the revocation should be explained through a fair process. Israel's published guidance says an ETA-IL authorization may be revoked for immigration or security reasons. The authorization also does not guarantee entry. israel-entry.piba.gov.il

Pastor Drees also emphasized that Palestinians face far harsher consequences than he does. His account should not eclipse theirs. It should prompt us to listen to Palestinians and others who describe restrictions, intimidation, or punishment connected to speaking about what they have experienced.

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The United States and Israel established reciprocal travel commitments as part of Israel's entry into the U.S. Visa Waiver Program. Those commitments include equal treatment for U.S. citizens without regard to race, religion, or national origin, with exceptions for legitimate security, criminal, health, or immigration concerns. The United States has said it will monitor Israel's implementation of the program requirements. 2021-2025.state.gov

I call on the U.S. Department of State to seek a clear explanation of Pastor Drees's case and to review whether the travel commitments are being applied fairly and consistently. I call on the Government of Israel to provide a transparent explanation and a meaningful avenue of appeal for people whose travel authorizations are revoked.

I also call for an open public discussion about the future of this travel partnership. The public deserves clear answers about how denials and revocations are handled, what reasons are provided, how people can appeal, and what remedies are available when someone believes they have been treated unfairly. That discussion should include people directly affected, Palestinian voices, Israeli voices, and the American public.

This is a call for accountability from governments and respect among peoples. The people of Israel are not the same as their government, just as the people of the United States are not the same as ours. We can hold governments responsible while recognizing the dignity and humanity of the people they represent.

Our shared responsibility is to one another. No person should have to fear that speaking peacefully about human suffering will cost them their safety, dignity, or ability to travel. A government should listen when people speak and answer for the decisions it makes.

Respectfully,

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